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Dean Phillip Morris

**H**appy New Year! I enthusiastically announce that the Wake Forest University School of Law commences the new decade with an exciting initiative that reinforces the knowledge and skills our students will need to succeed as professionals.

Our new Applied Legal Theory – Law in Action Program (ALTLA) will provide Wake Forest law students the opportunity to explore the intersection between legal doctrine and its exercise in real world contexts. In addition to our clinics, ALTLA will feature capstone courses (upper level courses typically taught through the use of actual or simulated cases) and other curricular offerings, such as Negotiation and Business Drafting, which exercise lawyering skills through the thoughtful analysis and application of doctrine.

Included in ALTLA will be a comprehensive project that explores the synergies between law and the profession in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Our Washington Program extends the Wake Forest brand through sponsorship of exciting workshops, symposia and colloquia staged in the District of Columbia. Additionally, selected third-year students will explore the operation of legal doctrine in the workplace through their work as interns in government agencies, nonprofit organizations and other settings while taking coursework under the direction of the program supervisor. Over time, the law school hopes to replicate this program in other metropolitan cities.

ALTLA will also create and promote opportunities for our students to offer *pro bono* services to individuals and entities in the Winston-Salem and adjacent

communities. The goal here is to further Wake Forest's time-honored tradition of fostering the "citizen lawyer," who "does well while doing good." Another feature of ALTLA will focus on professionalism through the sponsorship of workshops, seminars and lectures. These instructive events will emphasize essential skills, such as networking, proper client communication, business etiquette and civility, among others.

As you see from this preliminary description, ALTLA constitutes a transformative program that greatly enhances our already praiseworthy pedagogy. Look for additional details about ALTLA in the next issue of the *Jurist*.

You will also discover in this issue the fascinating summer employment experienced by our students. The array includes work at a Public Defender's Office in Alaska, the Department of Homeland Security in New York City and the U.S. Army JAG Corps in Guantanamo Bay. These opportunities, many of which were made possible through Public Interest Law Organization grants, underscore the need, and our determined goal, to expand curricular opportunities that explore the operation of law in context. They also demonstrate our students' commitment to the common good — a time-honored value that defines Wake Forest.

These are exciting times at the law school and you are invaluable contributors to our success. I look forward to working with you during the coming year, and appreciate your continued support as the law school continues to revolutionize legal education in the 21st century.



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# WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD



Each summer, dozens of Wake Forest University School of Law students choose to take a public interest job. Typically these are unpaid positions in district attorneys' and public defenders' offices or nonprofits. The law school's student-run Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) helps fund grants, which are awarded on the basis of the personal experience the students will receive and the community benefit involved, for these positions through its annual auction. PILO, which is connected with the Public Interest Law Foundation, is



dedicated to broadening the law students' experience in non-traditional areas of law.

In the summer of 2009, Wake Forest law students worked as far away as Alaska and Guantanamo Bay and as near as Winston-Salem and Greensboro. While each of their experiences was unique, one message resonates: Students appreciated the opportunity to apply what they learned in the classroom to real-world legal issues and to provide a service for the common good.

# DANIEL MURDOCK ('11)

**D**aniel Murdock attended high school in Redmond, Wash., and graduated with a bachelor's degree with distinction in political science from the University of Washington in Seattle.

On its face, his decision to attend the Wake Forest University School of Law would seem curious, especially considering his love for the Pacific Northwest. No irony here, says Murdock, who wanted to move to the East Coast to be closer to Washington, D.C. He had other reasons, not the least of which was the School of Law's stellar national reputation.

"Wake Forest is a name-brand school," he says.

Even 20 years from now, long after he has graduated, he says he'll take great pride in that Wake Forest law degree hanging on his wall. Not surprisingly, Murdock, a second-year law student, returned home this past summer. His

trip, which had a definite purpose, was made possible by a \$2,000 grant from the Public Interest Law Organization. Murdock worked as a law clerk for the Pacific Legal Foundation in Bellevue, Wash. It was a great fit, he says.

"I enjoyed doing something I believe in, but at the same time getting to do it in a part of the country that's so beautiful, that I love."

The foundation, its Web site says, is a public-interest legal organization that litigates for property rights, limited government, free enterprise and a balanced approach to environmental regulation. Doing mostly appellate work, Murdock reviewed briefs and court records to develop a 10- to 15-page objective memo summarizing a case while taking into account the strengths and weaknesses of each side's argument.

He took an interest in zoning issues in Washington, which has a unique and controversial statute that vests a property

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owner's right to build as soon as the local zoning authority approves the proposal. The foundation, he says, is dedicated to protecting individual and property rights, particularly in response to the intrusion of overzealous regulation.

"Land owners and property rights issues don't sound like they would be that interesting at first, but you get into it ... in the way it affects so many aspects of our lives."

"The most important thing is that it really cemented my desire to become a practicing attorney. The ability to apply some of what you learned, as a first year summer clerk, to real-world legal issues, it was just fun."

The experience probably would not have been possible without PILO, which is open to students, faculty and community members.

"It's a great program, it really is," Murdock says. "Some folks are lucky enough to not have money as a concern. But for most of us, money is an issue." ♦



# BRIANCA HUDDSON

**B**ianca Hudson, a second-year student in the Wake Forest University School of Law, is keeping an open mind.

Hudson, of Tallahassee, Fla., doesn't yet know which aspect of the law she will pursue as a career, but she should have plenty of options. "There are so many different areas of law to practice, I don't want to pick one yet."

Her résumé is that of an experienced professional that has been built over decades, though in fact it goes back just 10 years, when, as a teenager, she began volunteering for Meals on Wheels.

"I learned that meeting people and networking is key to professional development," says Hudson, who holds an MBA from Florida A&M University, graduating magna cum laude.

During a banquet, Hudson got the chance to speak with N.C. Supreme Court Justice Patricia Timmons Goodson, the first African-American woman to sit and the third woman elected to serve on the state's highest court.

She asked the justice for an interview. Hudson, who exudes enthusiasm and professionalism, not only snagged the interview but was granted a four-week internship with Timmons Goodson's office in Raleigh, where she helped law clerks prepare petitionary reviews from cases already heard in appellate or lower courts.

"I really wanted to see the practice of legal writing," Hudson says. "It's taught in (law) school, but it's best to see it done in a real-life perspective. During my time there my writing improved based upon the contact with law clerks, who were



really great writers."

Court was not in session, but Hudson was fortunate enough to share some time with Timmons Goodson. "Before I left she took me and another intern out to lunch," Hudson says. "That was really nice, because I know they were really busy."

Speaking of busy, Hudson's second internship of the summer took her to New York City, where she worked with the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Hudson worked in the litigation department, helping to handle the pending cases of illegal immigrants who have been arrested and may have served time for various crimes. The detainees' cases are litigated to determine the next move, whether that involves deportation, employment or some other type of relief.

Hudson also volunteers with the Charlotte Immigration Court, a

position she'll add to an impressive résumé that includes positions as a customer satisfaction representative with Toyota Motor Sales in Torrance, Calif., and as a pharmaceutical healthcare representative for Pfizer Inc. in Charlotte. Hudson also has expressed an interest in working for the Food and Drug Administration and gaining experience in health law.

"Building upon what you learned from each experience has really helped me," says Hudson, who is quite pleased with her decision to attend Wake Forest, where students and their instructors have a unique teaching relationship.

"You just walk up to third floor (of the Worrell Professional Center) and knock on the door of any professor you want to speak to. I came to visit one day (before enrolling), and the students were just so happy to be there. Wake Forest fit the profile I was looking for." ♦

**E**rin Hartnett had seen the pictures: inmates wearing jumpsuits and handcuffs, kneeling at the fence while guards hovered over them.

But when Hartnett, a third-year Wake Forest law student, was dropped off at Guantanamo Bay during her summer internship, she gained a completely new perspective on the much-debated detention camp.

"You see that popular picture on David Cole's book," Hartnett said of *Enemy Aliens*. "But it's not like that anymore. They have these amazingly high-tech facilities. The way they were set up would blow your mind. It's a very well-oiled machine. It's not some renegade operation. It's very, very professional."

Hartnett spent four days in Guantanamo Bay as an intern with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General Corps in June. She toured the facilities, saw the infamous camps with names like Iguana, and attended briefings by commanders. She even was part of a video conference with Susan J. Crawford, the chief judge who oversees military procedures at Guantanamo Bay.

It was just another summer for Hartnett. A year ago, between her first and second years of law school, she studied abroad in Venice, where Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg helped teach a course.

While the Guantanamo trip was the most memorable part of the summer, it did only last four days. During the remainder of her internship, Hartnett was stationed in Fort Meade, Md. She

was one of 75 second-year law students around the country selected to participate in the JAG internship program, which the military uses as a recruiting tool for future JAG officers.

Her office in Fort Meade handled high-dollar claims against the Army. For instance, after a helicopter took out a television tower in Georgia in 2006, Hartnett's office, the U.S. Army Claims Service, handled the resultant claims.

"I have yet to work at a law firm (during law school), which may help and may hurt me. But these are opportunities you can't pass up," Hartnett said of her unique summer experiences. "Everyone thinks there's a track you have to take and you get wrapped up in it. But if you do, you're crazy. I've learned things I could never have picked up in a regular law firm."

The Guantanamo trip was part of a pilot program, Hartnett said, that came about after the United States suspended

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*- Erin Hartnett ('10)*

trials there in January. The military wanted people to actually see the facility, Hartnett said, and to develop their own opinions.

"It was the most bizarre experience of my life, but amazing," Hartnett said. "Just being dropped into that scenario, it's so different from anything we're used to on an everyday basis. It's so notorious for all the stuff that goes on. You read a million news articles and see it on CNN, but to see it with your own eyes and talk to the (people) in charge of every aspect, it's totally different." ♦



# BRANDON RAMSEY (10)

**B**randon Ramsey doesn't look at his future through a tunnel. It's more of a moving target. During his two summer internships while studying at the Wake Forest University School of Law, he's discovered several things he may want to do, and others he probably doesn't, while approaching every task with eyes open.

This summer, while working as a clerk with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, he had several seminal moments, perhaps none more influential than one that came from a simple phone call.

A woman called the TRLA offices hoping for someone to help her with her mortgage. The bank had started the foreclosure process, and was unrelenting – until she called for law advice. Ramsey took the assignment, and made one phone call to the bank. Within 15 minutes, the woman received word from the bank that her mortgage payment would drop by \$90 a month and her past debts would be excused.

"The impact that having a lawyer has is really eye-opening," Ramsey said. "You call someone and say I'm from Legal Aid or I'm from an attorney's office, and all of a sudden, they'll acquiesce."

Ramsey worked primarily in elder law and the environmental division of TRLA. He handled nursing issues, home and mortgage issues, and also dealt with a little bit of education law. He still serves as a clerk for TRLA while living in Winston-Salem. Through the clerkship, he's seen how school systems can often be misguided, how there are gaps in care for the elderly and disabled,



and how lengthy litigation can be for environmental issues.

Ramsey, a Texas native, plans to return to his home state after he finishes at Wake Forest. He's weighing two options for post-law school: pursuing a masters' in environmental law or trying to find a job in a district attorney's office.

Growing up in a state where water supply is often an issue, Ramsey leans toward environmental law. But, he said, his experiences during his internships have showed him just how painstaking those cases can be.

"You read all these books about all these great cases on environmental justice, and it's just amazing," Ramsey said. "Well, yeah, it took 20 years to do that. Practically speaking, I can see why. Especially when the case law hasn't been really decided, we're arguing the novel issues about law."

Ramsey majored in political science and minored in religious studies at the University of the Incarnate Word, a Catholic institution in San Antonio. His decision to do his undergraduate

work there was a hot topic in his family, because his mother's side is Catholic and his father's side is Baptist. He chose Incarnate Word over Baylor, which has Baptist ties. By attending Wake Forest for his law degree, he was able to appease his father's side.

"It made my grandfather happy," he said, laughing.

That grandfather had a career in family law, which Ramsey was considering at one time. But in the summer after his first year at Wake Forest, he clerked at the state-level Fourth Court of Appeals in Texas. During that assignment, he did a little bit of family law, and discovered he didn't want to make a career out of it.

"You learn a lot of different things over the course of a summer," he said. "You learn what you want to do and don't want to do. I will take environmental law any day of the week over family law."

For Ramsey, every experience moves him closer to hitting that moving target. ♦

# ALAIN LAMARQUE ('10)

**W**hen a hot-button bill ending partisan elections for local school boards passed in the North Carolina legislature in June, Wake Forest law student Alain Lamarque was among those celebrating.

Lamarque, now in his third year with the law school, spent the summer working for Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment (CHANGE). That nonprofit group of community activists had worked for three years pushing legislators to eliminate party affiliations among candidates for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board.

With Lamarque there to help with the final push, a bill passed in June. And in 2010, despite a good bit of opposition to the idea, school board candidates will no longer be designated as Republican or Democrat.

"The CHANGE organization just felt that education is a nonpartisan issue," Lamarque said. "We (the law student interns) agreed with that. We were fortunate enough to help (legislators) draft a bill that went to the N.C. General



Assembly. And it passed."

A native of Rochester, N.Y., Lamarque was destined to work in community service, it seems. His parents came to the United States in the 1960s, fleeing Haiti, where a corrupt dictatorship and private security force reigned. Lamarque's parents both snagged college degrees here, and they instilled in their son a desire to be an activist.

After earning an undergraduate degree from State University of New York-Buffalo, Lamarque worked in telecommunications for five years before enrolling in the law program at Wake Forest.

Though his roots aren't in Winston-Salem, he's been plenty active outside of the law school. He's a member of the Public Interest Law Organization, which raises funds for students wishing to work in nonprofits or public interest law. And last spring, he connected with the Rev.

Ryan Eller, the lead community organizer with CHANGE. Eller selected Lamarque as a legal intern for the summer, and Lamarque continues to work with the organization.

Experiencing the inner-workings of local government has been rewarding, and eye-opening, he said.

"In law school you get a lot of theory, and you're pulled away from reality sometimes," Lamarque said. "It's nice to have something to bring you back down to earth."

Lamarque is now applying for fellowships and full-time employment that will keep him involved in the community after law school.

"My real drive was to be an agent for change," Lamarque said. "I've always been interested in minority and race issues. I'm interested in helping revitalize distressed communities." ♦

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- Aindrea Alderson ('10)

The first time Aindrea Alderson stood in front of the packed courtroom this past summer, facing hundreds of defendants charged with misdemeanors, she felt intimidated. But Alderson, a Wake Forest law student with a desire to serve, knew she represented the Guilford County District Attorney's office, and knew those defendants needed her to be clear and firm. So she started with a refrain that's echoed around North Carolina's courts every day.

“Good morning. Welcome to 2C ...”

She listed the instructions and procedures for the day. No cell phones. No talking. Guilty pleas will be here. Not guilty there. Listen for your name. Simple things. Vitally important.

It can be daunting, handling key responsibilities as an intern. But during her summer with the Guilford County

District Attorney's Office, Alderson didn't want to keep her hands off. She wanted to participate, to learn through activity, to gain as much knowledge as possible as she approaches the start of a career in public interest law.

“Working in the DA's office, you can't get that type of experience most other places,” Alderson said. “I wanted to be in the courtroom. You can really be an advocate for someone.”

That was always the goal for Alderson, a California native who earned a political science degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara with the sole intention of going to law school for public interest law.

She found that focus at an early age, as a fourth-grader, during a trip to Washington, D.C., with her parents.

“I really do remember thinking, ‘There's something so much bigger than myself, and I want to be a part of it,’”

Alderson said.

Alderson knows the inherent problems with aspiring to join the public interest side of law. Namely, she knows it doesn't pay well. She knows some law students forego public interest in favor of higher salaries at private firms.

So, she's been active in the Public Interest Law Organization (PILO) at Wake Forest, and now is in her second term as president. One of PILO's primary missions is to raise money for students who want to pursue unpaid internships.

“It's tough to work in public interest, even if you want to,” Alderson said. “It is hard when you're in law school and everyone else is doing firm jobs and making up to \$30,000 a summer.”

Alderson, who also currently works part-time in with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Greensboro, says her summer jobs have been invaluable, despite the lack of pay.

After her first year, she worked in the Public Defender's Office in Forsyth County. A year later, she was back in the courtroom, working the district attorney assignment. She handled 30 bench trials last summer. And, of course, she was front and center to start with that familiar refrain.

“I could have sat around all summer and observed court, or I could be a part of it,” Alderson said. “I wanted to be a part of it.” ♦



**I**n her own words, Audrey Woosnam has had two summers of a lifetime.

Twisted cliché aside, Woosnam, a third-year student in the Wake Forest School of Law, has seen things most people will never see, and she has studied with people most students will never meet.

Two years ago, Woosnam took part in the 2008 Venice Summer Abroad Program, where she sat in on lectures given by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

This past summer, she experienced nature in its purest form, in a place where bald eagles and prestigious peaks were common sights, a place where orcas and humpback whales rule their native waters and where salmon return home to spawn.

In May, Woosnam, of Byram, N.J., stepped into the office of the public defender in Ketchikan, Alaska.

"I knew I wanted to be a public defender, and I couldn't pass up the opportunity to be in Alaska for a summer."

Ketchikan, by most standards, is a small town. Its population is about 15,000, including the Metlakatla Indian Community, which is governed by a 12-member tribal council, mayor, secretary and treasurer.

In a community such as Ketchikan, lawyers often run across their clients in grocery stores, at community softball games and in bars and restaurants. "I worked really hard to ensure I had a good reputation," says Woosnam, who earned her undergraduate degree in



political science from the University of Pittsburgh.

Within a week, she knew everyone in the courthouse, including the judge. That can be a good thing, but "if the judge doesn't like you, you could be in trouble."

The Public Defender's Office in Ketchikan, part of a statewide system, has four full-time lawyers, though one was on vacation for most of the summer. As the office's only intern, Woosnam handled about 100 cases, settling 30 to 40.

She handled misdemeanors, for violations ranging from using marijuana outside the home – it is legal for people to keep and use a small amount inside their homes – to boating while intoxicated.

The small-town atmosphere, where she could simply walk up a flight of stairs and negotiate a plea agreement with the district attorney, helped her progress as a lawyer. Woosnam also was able to

develop a working relationship with all of the town's attorneys.

"I wouldn't have been able to build as close a relationship in such a short time anywhere else," Woosnam says.

She has a chance to build on those relationships. Though contingent on the state budget, Woosnam has been encouraged to return to Alaska and work in a Public Defender's Office after she graduates. There's much to consider, she says, not the least of which involves the time difference between Alaska and her family in New Jersey. But, she says, to work in Alaska, as part of a friendly community surrounded by almost surreal natural beauty, bears serious consideration.

"The opportunity to have my dream job before I graduated from law school, in and of itself, is so amazing." ♦

# EMILE THOMPSON ('10)

**E**mile Thompson, a third-year student in the Wake Forest University School of Law, will probably never forget what he did last summer.

He'll think about the man who shot his wife "nine or 10 times" as she sat in a car. "Crime of passion," Thompson says.

And he'll remember the prosecutors bringing the son into court to testify against his father. "What's really sad," Thompson says, "is that he not only has lost a mother, but now he lost his father, too."

He'll remember a woman pleading guilty to suffocating another woman with a blanket over \$20 and change because "she wanted to get high."

"That type of stuff you can never be prepared for," he says.

No, Thompson will probably always remember that summer internship with Herbert B. Dixon Jr., a judge for the Superior Court of the District

of Columbia. "Anything he needed," Thompson says, "I was there."

Thompson was born in Washington, D.C., but moved to Durham when he was 8 years old. He attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he majored in computer science and minored in biology and math. He attended N.C. State University for a year to study bioinformatics, which integrates information science and statistics and the study of genomics.

Thompson's brother is a medical doctor, and his mother is a scientist. Her father was a doctor, as well. His career path was set, or so it would seem. But how, then, did Thompson find himself working for a judge who dealt with cases from southeast Washington, D.C., an area of the country notorious for its high crime rate?

"Though I like science," he said, "it wasn't going to be the career for me. After that first year (at N.C. State) I found that

**"I had a lot of opportunity to get hands-on experience."**

*- Emile Thompson ('10)*

I don't have a passion for it, and that's not where you want to be. I liked it, but I didn't like it enough."

Thompson also worked last summer for Johnston, Allison & Hord, a Charlotte law firm that specializes in commercial real estate. Its 45 or so attorneys are mostly graduates of the law schools at Wake Forest and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"I really, really enjoyed it there," he says. "I had a lot of opportunity to get hands-on experience."

Yes, Thompson will remember the summer of 2009, but he'll also never forget his time at Wake Forest. He'll remember his early visits to campus, the warm welcome and a meeting with Professor Tim Davis, who gave him some valuable insight regarding what to expect over the next couple of years.

"When I went to Wake Forest it confirmed to me that I made the right decision, that this is definitely what I wanted to do. I realized that Wake Forest is a very special place, which gave me a chance to grow and to become an excellent lawyer. I would recommend to everybody that Wake Forest is definitely a school they should take a hard look at." ♦



# TO CLONE OR NOT TO CLONE?

**T**hroughout history, major breakthroughs in medicine and science have oftentimes been met with skepticism, blatant criticism and even fear. Take, for example, the advent of autopsies or, closer to today, artificial insemination, stem cell research, and the right to choose how we die.

"Are these things playing with the proper order of nature or are they creating uncontrollable risks, frightening scenarios, or is all this being exaggerated?" asks Mark Hall, director of the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society at Wake Forest University. "Are we all just letting our science fiction fantasies run wild, and are we stalling productive advances in medicine and technology with Chicken Little fears of the sky falling in?"

How we address and discuss these issues as individuals, as a society or as an institution will be critical to the future of health science and technology. By offering a master of arts in bioethics, Wake Forest University is providing students of the program with a "tool kit" to help guide us through these important deliberations. The only one of its kind in North Carolina, the bioethics program at Wake Forest is designed to equip graduates to practice, teach or conduct research related to ethics and public policy issues in medicine and biotechnology.

In the program, students learn to articulate the various issues, arguments

and positions from different points of view and come to understand how to reconcile differences of opinion and how to question unexamined beliefs, says Hall, who is the Fred D. and Elizabeth L. Turnage professor of law, and a professor in the Department of Social Sciences and Health Policy.

The goal of the program, he says, is to provide a tool kit for deeper understanding of – and successful ways of discussing – these or approaching issues, and to resolve them when they can be resolved, or otherwise find avenues to discuss and air them in productive ways.

"The skill set, or tool kit, is useful in a number of arenas," Hall says. "Our goal is not simply to brand someone a bioethicist and give them a license to practice bioethics, to go spout off wisdom as some sort of seer or guru. It's to bring a deepened understanding ... to work in whatever occupation they're going to pursue."

"All of the developments in genetics, neuroscience and stem cell therapies ... have really pushed us forward into several new challenging frontiers. And those kinds of developments are only going to accelerate."

The full-time MA in bioethics degree program, which began in fall 2009, is designed to be completed in as little as one academic year plus the summer. Part-time students can take up to six years to complete the program, and most bioethics courses are offered in the late afternoon or early evening to

accommodate working professionals.

Planning for the MA in bioethics, part of the Center for Bioethics, Health and Society at Wake Forest, has been in the works for about 10 years. The study of bioethics, Hall said, dates to the 1960s, when the need for a better ability to address life-and-death cases came to the fore. Hall offered as examples the cases of Karen Ann Quinlan and Terry Schiavo, women who, because of accident and illness, catapulted the right-to-die debate into the headlines and public consciousness.

"These issues are still with us," Hall says. "We're still grappling with how to deal with them, and there are still major divisions in public attitudes about them, between religious beliefs and professional views and lay views. Those issues are never going to go away, and we've been focused on them for the past couple of decades."

But new issues now confront society. Wake Forest President Nathan O. Hatch, who was instrumental in starting the bioethics program, has said, "In an age when genetic engineering of the human person is a distinct possibility, the challenges our society faces in bioethics have never been more pressing."

Bioethics student Deborah Love is an executive coach and organizational development consultant who also holds an MBA in organizational behavior and industrial relations. She has a law degree from Wayne State University in Detroit.

The bioethics program, she says, has



led her to challenge her beliefs, which many times have been “clobbered.” Love, for instance, believed that rather than people having to choose to become organ donors, they should be presumed to consent, with the option of declining. This would ultimately increase the potential for eligible participants.

“The presumption is you’re a donor unless you say otherwise,” she says. “Then I read some research about it. There is a whole segment of our society that doesn’t trust the medical profession ... We have this segment of society that feels their power differential is not equivalent with physicians, and they legitimately believe physicians might hasten their death to harvest organs on behalf of science for somebody who is in a more privileged position. I had not considered the world that way. That made me really stop and think that we can’t have that bias of presumption when we have a segment of the population that doesn’t trust the profession.”

When the Wake Forest community began discussing the possibility of implementing a program focusing on bioethics, no university in the state or any surrounding state offered a master’s program in the discipline.

“When we first began to survey this field about 10 years ago we noticed right away that there was really a pressing

need for more bioethics education and expertise. We felt like bioethics would be a good fit for Wake Forest, particularly to draw the different parts of campus together,” Hall says. “The slogan for Wake Forest is, ‘Small of scale, large in resources,’ and I think that exactly captures things. We bring a lot of resources to bear, but we’re going to keep the program well-sized to be able to deal with each person’s individual interests.”

What makes the Wake Forest program unique?

“First, it still is the only one in North Carolina. The key is that the scale and scope of it really reflects the advantages of Wake Forest as a whole. We can provide exposure to all the major areas of bioethics, which include clinical medicine, biotechnology, health care, finance and regulation ... all of the key areas.”

In addition to its flexible scheduling options, the MA in bioethics at Wake Forest draws a diverse group of students – in regard both to age and professional background – who connect across various demographic and social boundaries.

“We’ve been able to draw students from so many different areas and walks of life, and they’ve all sort of melded together,” Hall says. “We have students in their 20s who have recently graduated

from college, but they include people from the sciences, philosophy and religion, from business and economics – all together. But we also have a good number of students who are well along in their professional careers. Those are not just doctors but people in health care administration, insurance and other facets of professional life. They bring a lot of perspective and maturity alongside the youthful enthusiasm and the higher energy of the younger students.”

That bioethics was a multidisciplinary field was the clincher for Gerardo Ramon Maradiaga, who holds a degree in philosophy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He has experience at Halifax Regional Medical Center Emergency Department as a patient liaison and has shadowed a surgeon during multiple procedures. Maradiaga also is an Emergency Medical Technician and plans to become a paramedic or emergency physician.

“You have these great schools (within Wake Forest), and they’re going to all be involved in this program. And it’s not just some new program they came up with overnight. So, I knew they were really trying to make sure this would be a great program.” ♦

# CLINICS UPDATE

## OPPOSITE PAGE

Litigation Clinic students fill out forms at the Winston-Salem law firm of Comerford & Britt LLP while acting as a jury focus group on a real case.

**A**ppellate Advocacy Clinic Now in its fourth full year, the clinic handles appeals in a variety of courts, including the Fourth Circuit, the Seventh Circuit, and the N.C. Court of Appeals. The clinic has also been assisting the Delaware Department of Justice's Appellate Section in two matters: an appeal to the Delaware Supreme Court and a petition for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court. Students generally work in pairs on one appeal from start to finish, while assisting with others. Students make the argument when oral argument is allowed. Clients include indigent criminal defendants and habeas petitioners, and others of limited means. The clinic has faced a variety of interesting issues this year, including the prosecution's withholding of *Brady* material, ineffective assistance of trial counsel due to failure to investigate a crime scene, waiver of *Miranda* rights, search and seizure issues related to a search of computers, ineffective assistance of trial counsel due to failure to appeal, and applicability of a restrictive covenant prohibiting a "commercial enterprise" to a church parking lot. In two published opinions, following oral arguments by clinic students, the clinic recently won an appeal in the Fourth Circuit and lost an appeal in the Seventh Circuit, though in that case a petition for rehearing will be filed, and if necessary, a petition for certiorari. Students also recently observed oral arguments at the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of *American Needle, Inc. v. NFL*, toured the courthouse and met privately with Clerk of Court General William Suter. ♦

**C**ommunity Law & Business Clinic Launched in January 2009, the clinic's primary goals are to provide students with practical experience and to provide public engagement by bringing University resources to the community. The clinic provides legal and business consulting services to area small businesses as well as nonprofit corporations, including low-income housing developers. In its first year, the clinic served 207 clients, 30 percent nonprofit organizations and 70 percent small businesses. Fifty students from the law school and the Schools of Business, both graduate and undergraduate, participated in the clinic during its first year, while 14 law students are practicing in the clinic during the Spring 2010 semester. During its first year, the clinic delivered more than 10,000 hours of *pro bono* service to its clients, representing more than \$1 million worth of professional services. In October 2009, the clinic launched the Low Bono Program, which supports recent graduates as they start their careers by providing office spaces, administrative support and other professional supports. In exchange, the lawyer agrees to accept reduced fee referrals from the clinic. Three recent Wake Forest law graduates are participating in the program and are representing clients in family law, real estate and other civil law matters. The Arts Law project provides targeted legal services to artists in Winston-Salem and surrounding communities and has served more than 15 artists and arts-based nonprofit organizations. The clinic also regularly conducts public outreach

and education programming on topics including Business Formation and Entity Selection, Value Added Agriculture Business Development and Nonprofit Management and Governance. ♦

**E**lder Law Clinic Third-year law students leave the clinic with a better understanding of how to advise clients and their own families. They have grown in their confidence and ability to handle a range of legal matters. From the initial greeting of the client, to the closing letter that summarizes their work, the students have provided top-quality legal assistance. They see the ethical traps ahead of them, translate jargon and tease out the tangles in complex laws. During the fall 2009 semester, third-year law students Katrina Schaffhouser and Tiffani Otey organized an impressive program called "Empowered Aging: Community Resources You Should Know About." Some of the speakers were from programs the clinic partners with, including the Memory Assessment Clinic, the Geriatric Outreach Program, CareNet Counseling and Club Independence. Third-year law student Dionne Carr shadowed geriatrician Hal Atkinson, M.D., in the Sticht Center on Aging several times, learning about medical issues of clients. Carr explained what the clinic offers to patients and talked about some legal steps to consider during the aging process. Third-year law student Brandon Ramsey gave a public talk to senior citizens about debtors' rights. He was invited to speak at a program where numerous service organizations were represented. Director



Kate Mewhinney has been invited to join the research faculty of the J. Paul Sticht Center on Aging, which is part of Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. And finally, congratulations to clinic alumni Mark Edwards and Caroline Knox, who passed the national elder law exam and became N.C. State Bar-certified elder law attorneys. ♦

**I**nnocence and Justice Clinic Since it began in January 2009, the clinic has focused on studying the causes of wrongful convictions and implementing reforms that can prevent such miscarriages of justice. Students have an opportunity to put their substantive knowledge to use by investigating cases where inmates are claiming actual innocence and pursuing them in court, when appropriate. During an investigation, students discovered a sentence miscalculation issue. They were able to obtain documentation from two different clerks of courts that proved the clinic's client had been subjected to an excessive sentence. This led to a meeting with the District Attorney of Forsyth County, where students proffered the documentation that supported their argument. The D.A. agreed with the analysis and filed a motion with the court asking that the client be

resentenced. After a brief hearing, the court agreed the nine years the client served for the crime was sufficient punishment and ordered his release. The fall semester was also marked by a panel discussion that focused on deconstructing actual innocence cases, reforms and remedies. Kirk Bloodsworth, the first U.S. death row inmate who was exonerated because of DNA testing, was the keynote speaker, and he provided a riveting look at the causes of wrongful conviction that led to his nine years of wrongful incarceration, two of which were on death row. The panel discussion was moderated by Carol Turowski, clinic co-director, and included Assistant Capital Defender and Clinic Co-Director Mark Rabil; Darryl Hunt, a twice wrongfully convicted exoneree who spent 19 years in prison; and Professor Angela Hattery of the University's Sociology Department. ♦

**L**itigation Clinic The current students are extremely engaged and enthusiastic about both their civil and criminal law placements. Student activities with their supervising attorneys include representing clients in administrative hearings, state district court and state Superior Court; trying cases before juries on behalf of the

state; representing the U.S. in federal court hearings; flying out of state with corporate counsel for high-level political meetings; and preparing for deposition, mediations, arbitration and motion hearings. There are two new supervising attorneys: Charles E. Rawlings, M.D., J.D., and Peter J. Juran of Blanco Tackaberry & Matamoros. Brian K. Johnson, a nationally known communications consultant, presented "The Articulate Advocate," to advanced and trial practice students, who also received individual instruction. Johnson presented "The Articulate Attorney," as part of the first-year students' professionalism series. Fall semester classroom highlights included Chief Judge Bill Reingold ('83) presiding over clinic district court simulations at the Forsyth County Hall of Justice and the Winston-Salem law firm of Comerford & Britt LLP hosting a jury focus group in which the entire class served in an actual case. Clinic Director Carol Anderson dedicated two of her classes to a look at the future of the federal justice system in memory and honor of late Judge William L. Osteen Sr. The University's Pathology Department's forensic specialist Dr. Donald Jason and his pathology students were directed and cross-examined by clinic students about a criminal case. ♦

# NEWS BRIEFS

**L**aw Review holds Labor and Environmental Law Symposium The Wake Forest Law Review held its fall symposium Friday, Oct. 30, on the topic of "Labor and Environmental Protection in Free Trade Agreements: A New Paradigm?" One of the most controversial issues in international trade has been its effect on labor rights and environmental protection. Since the North American Free Trade Agreement entered into force in 1994, a core tenet of U.S. trade policy has been to include provisions on labor and environmental protection in its bilateral and regional free-trade agreements. Those agreements, which now encompass more than a dozen countries, have continued to follow the general approach taken by the NAFTA labor and environmental agreements, at the same time that the NAFTA agreements have themselves remained widely criticized and poorly understood. The symposium examined the 15 years of experience with the NAFTA agreements, as well as the variations adopted by subsequent free-trade agreements, with a view to assessing how successful the agreements have been, and whether the "NAFTA model" should be continued, modified, or replaced with another approach altogether. ♦

**L**aw alumni create new funds The Wake Forest School of Law recognizes the following alumni for recently creating new law scholarships. "We extend our gratitude for the generosity and leadership of these dedicated individuals," said Jennifer Hudson, assistant director of Law

## Development & Alumni Relations.

The David and Patricia Acord Law Scholarship was established by alumnus Bobbi Acord Nolan ('89) in recognition of her parents, David and Patricia, who were educators for many years.

Daniel and Gwynne Taylor established the Daniel R. Taylor, Jr. ('76) and Gwynne S. Taylor Law Scholarship to support law students who were accepted to Wake Forest law school after graduating from Salem College in Winston-Salem. ♦

**W**ake Forest law grads again top bar passage rate For the second time in two years, Wake Forest University School of Law graduates had the top bar passage rate among North Carolina universities for first timers taking the N.C. bar exam in July 2009. Ninety-two percent of Wake Forest graduates taking the state bar exam for the first time passed, according to the N.C. Board of Law Examiners. That's compared with an 85 percent first-time bar exam passage rate for all North Carolina law schools. Wake Forest graduates virtually tied with Campbell University graduates for the overall top bar passage rate, which includes first-timers as well as students who were repeating the exam, with a 90.67 percent passage rate and a 90.70 percent passage rate respectively. ♦

**A**lumni win \$3.4 billion settlement **A**in class action suit for American Indians A graduate of the Wake Forest School of Law has played an integral role in what would be one of the largest class-action victories against

the federal government in U.S. history. The American Indian Plaintiffs on Dec. 8 announced a settlement in the case of *Cobell v. Salazar*, which was filed in 1996 and alleged the government mismanaged the individual Indian trust. David C. Smith ('84) gave up part of his practice to represent the plaintiffs in the case. Smith, a partner at Kilpatrick Stockton LLP based in Winston-Salem, spent much of his time for the past six years working out of the firm's office in Washington, D.C. Dan Taylor ('76) also spent a summer working on the case. ♦

**L**ord Nicholas Phillips, president of the U.K.'s Supreme Court, to present Hooding Ceremony keynote address For centuries, the highest court of the United Kingdom was the House of Lords. And for the past 100 years, a committee of Law Lords has functioned as the country's highest court, and all judges have been appointed by a member of the prime minister's cabinet. On Oct. 1, the former Law Lords became Justices of the new Supreme Court and moved out of the House of Lords section of Parliament to a new separate Supreme Court building. The head of the new Supreme Court is the president, Lord Nicholas Phillips. Lord Phillips will speak at this year's Hooding Ceremony on Sunday, May 16. ♦

**D**irector of development takes on new role Holly Marion, director of Development and Alumni Relations for the law school, has resigned from her position to become the first vice president for development at Senior

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### Azaria Tesfa ('10)

Azaria Tesfa attends the Wake Forest University School of Law and hopes to give future students the same opportunity he has been given. After graduating from Cornell University with a double major in government and sociology, Azaria visited Wake Forest and knew he would love it from the moment he stepped foot on the campus. He made the decision to enroll in the law school before he knew how he would be able to pay his tuition.

A few days before classes started, Azaria received a notice that he was awarded scholarship funding that would cover a portion of his tuition for all three years of law school. With this opportunity, Azaria can, “start thinking about employment options that would not otherwise be possible with thousands of dollars of student loans.”

To Azaria, “giving back is like being a member of a sports team. When you first begin, you are mentored by the older players. Once you become an older player, you have the same chance to mentor others and give them the same opportunities you had. Thank you for giving back to the law school and helping the current generation of students realize their dreams.”

# NEWS BRIEFS

Services of Winston-Salem. "Prior to joining our staff in 2004, Holly was a senior staff member in development for the North Carolina School of the Arts," said Bob Baker, associate vice president for WFU Advancement. "We are saddened to announce that she is leaving the law school. She is a valued friend and colleague and will be sorely missed." The law school is conducting a national search for a new Assistant Dean of Development. ♦

New Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy announced The Wake Forest Journal of Law and Policy was approved by the faculty in the fall of 2009 and will begin publication in the 2010-11 academic year. The Journal of Law and Policy is an interdisciplinary publication that explores the intersection of legal issues with public and social policy. Consistent with Wake Forest's motto of *Pro Humanitate*, the Journal's mission is to introduce, maintain and advance

discourse so as to uncover policies that will engender equality and the true administration of justice. Rooted in the fundamentals of professionalism, the Journal seeks submissions that, among other goals, address various societal needs through legal doctrine and systems. "While we primarily publish legal analyses, we welcome other scholarly works and social commentary that contribute to a diverse and dynamic intellectual dialogue," said journal founder Melanie Johnson Raubach ('10). ♦

**Jurist/Practitioner in Residence Program** begins This academic year, the law school began hosting its first "Jurist in Residence" and "Practitioner in Residence" programs. E. Norman Veasey, the former Chief Justice of the Delaware Supreme Court, taught "Corporate Governance and Professional Responsibility," a course that explores the "real world challenges and pitfalls for a

## OPPOSITE PAGE

Professor Miles Foy discusses the book, "The Innocent Man," with first-year law students (clockwise) Molly Hassenfelt, Tina Flowers, Katherine Barber, Harrison Buttrick and Brandon Baylor on the front porch of Foy's home in Oak Ridge.

lawyer for the corporation," in October. Laura Kidwell ('91), an assistant attorney general for Tennessee, co-taught a course called "Suing Government," which deals with litigation against state and local government in the federal courts under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, with Professor Wilson Parker in January. ♦

**A 'Conversation With ...' series** celebrates 10 years Wake Forest University School of Law welcomed Professor Hassan El Menyawi, the International Law and Human Rights Visiting Professor at the United Nations University for Peace, as the fall 2009 semester's "Conversation With ..." speaker. The event with El Menyawi, moderated by Professor Richard Schneider, also represented the 10th anniversary of the speaker series, which brings roll models within the legal profession to campus for a unique conversation about their lives in the law. As part of the event, students hear

**M**ultimedia Features Visit our Web site at [www.law.wfu.edu](http://www.law.wfu.edu) to listen to multimedia coverage of the following events:

- Professor of Law Suzanne Reynolds ('77) gave the keynote address, "Inquiring Minds and Open Hearts: Wake Forest and Public Engagement," at the University's Opening Convocation on Sept. 17.
- Wake Forest University School of Law and the student-organized

Sports & Entertainment Law Society hosted "Sports Update: Title IX" on Sept. 25.

- The Wake Forest University School of Law's Federalist Society hosted John Bolton, the 25th U.S. ambassador to the United Nations during the Bush administration, on Oct. 2.
- The "Conversation With ..." Professor El Menyawi and Professor Richard Schneider on Nov. 4 represented

the 10th anniversary of the speaker series, which brings distinguished lawyers to campus for a unique conversation about their lives in the law.

- Health Care Reform: Does the Constitution allow Congress to force you to buy health insurance? As the debate among lawmakers continues, our professors discuss the public versus private option when it comes to paying for health care. ♦



**F**irst-year students discuss 'The Innocent Man' This fall, professors opened up their homes to first-year law students for a book discussion about the John Grisham non-fiction novel, "The Innocent Man." Students were asked to read the book over the summer and then

share their thoughts with a handful of others in their sections over dinner with a faculty member. The evening gave the students not only an opportunity to get to know their professors a bit better, but also their classmates. It also led to some interesting discussions about the U.S.

justice system. At Professor Miles Foy's dinner discussion, for example, the group talked about the various roles lawyers played in the book, which is about small town justice gone horribly awry. "The book made me not take innocence for granted," said Brandon Baylor ('12). ♦

interesting details about the speaker's life and career. The series features two outside speakers and one faculty member each academic year. In recent years, the series has featured several prominent figures, including Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. "It's quite a milestone for what has been a remarkable series," said Shannon Gilreath, who chairs the "Conversation With ..." committee, made up of faculty and students, that chooses the speakers. ♦

**A** lumna wins Kirk Osborn Award Adjunct Trial Practice Professor and AAJ Trial Team Coach Kimberly C. Stevens ('92) is the 2009 recipient of the Kirk Osborn Award, which is given by the Fair Trial Initiative (FTI). The third annual award was presented on Oct. 8 at the Carolina Club on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Walter E.

Dellinger, attorney, professor and former U.S. Solicitor General, was the keynote speaker. The FTI, a Durham, N.C.-based organization, aims to mitigate the influence of racial, socioeconomic and other personal characteristics upon trial and punishment practices. ♦

**P**rogram introduces WSSU students to law school The law school hosted a "mini-pipeline" program for a Winston-Salem State University group, "Black Men for Change," on Oct. 6. More than 30 young men of color who are seeking to excel academically attended the program, which included remarks from Dean Blake Morant and Professors Wendy Parker, Tim Davis and Omari Simmons about preparations for law school and the need to focus on academic achievement. Davis and Simmons also conducted a mock class. "Interestingly, that same evening they heard from Joseph Abbitt, recently exonerated after 14 years for the murder and rape of two

teenage girls," said Chevara Orrin, the group's faculty sponsor. "To have two experiences that highlight the best and worst of our legal system on the same day was educational and inspiring." ♦



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# FACULTY NOTES

## Q & A WITH PROFESSOR JENNIFER COLLINS

**P**rofessor Jennifer Collins, teaches criminal and family law. The 2009 winner of the Jurist Excellence in Teaching Award graduated from Harvard Law School, where she worked on the Law Review with President Barack Obama. She served as an assistant U.S. Attorney in Washington, D.C., for almost eight years and clerked for Judge Dorothy Nelson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She is co-author of a recent book entitled, "Privilege or Punish: Criminal Justice and the Challenge of Family Ties" (Oxford University Press 2009, with Dan Markel and Ethan Leib). In February 2009, Collins was interviewed as part of the 'Conversation With...' series. The excerpts below are based on that conversation.

**Q** What were your interactions with President Barack Obama during law school?

**A** People always ask if we actually knew each other because Harvard was a big place, and yes, we actually did because we were on the Law Review together. At least at Harvard, being on the Law Review meant you basically lived in the Law Review office building. We all spent several hours a day there for two years. One of my friends who was on the Law Review with us described it after the election, 'It's like knowing Jesus Christ in kindergarten.' I don't know that I would go quite that far, but it is weird to think that one of my classmates is now the president.

**Q** What led to your interest in family law?

**A** I really quickly realized as a prosecutor that you are as much a social worker as you are a prosecutor. People would walk into your office – victims, witnesses, defendants – under truly just desperate circumstances. We kept a clothing room in the U.S. Attorney's Office because some of my prostitute witnesses literally did not have an appropriate outfit that they could wear into court. We'd be dealing with people who were struggling with drug abuse

or very young children having children themselves. You just spend so much time on the family aspects of these people's lives. I think one of the things that makes you a good prosecutor is to care equally about the victims and their families and the defendants and their families.

**Q** Has there been any media coverage of your cases?

**A** I periodically get calls from shows like "Forensic Files" or "Solved" and HBO did a documentary on one of my cases called, "Thug Life in D.C." about a guy who shot a lot of people, unfortunately. They asked me to participate during the trial and, of course, I couldn't, but I was able to use some of the first few minutes of the show for the sentencing in my case. A Discovery Channel show is looking at doing a piece on the series of murders at Gallaudet

University. There was a series of murders on campus, and it turned out that a fellow student at Gallaudet was just a true serial killer, probably one of the few true serial killers I worked with. I'm not sure if I am going to talk to the Discovery Channel. I'm still very protective of the families I worked with, and I don't want to exploit their pain for any sort of notoriety.

**Q** Any employment advice for current students?

**A** I do feel that people put pressure on themselves to get the perfect first job, and I think you need to look at your career as a journey. My first law firm job, while a good job, was not the perfect job for me. You have to recognize that every aspect of your career is a stepping stone, and where you land initially is not where you are going to end up. ♦





Carol B. Anderson



Don Castleman



Chris Coughlin



Miki Felsenburg



Laura Graham

## CAROL B. ANDERSON

### **Presentations**

- “Communication Skills for Women in the Courtroom and Other Legal Settings” to the Forsyth County Women Attorneys Association (November 2009).

### **Publications**

- Book co-authoring with Rhode Island attorney Mark S. Mandell is in final editing stages. The book explores choice theory as it pertains to jurors and their decision-making processes.

## DON CASTLEMAN

### **Presentations**

- Moderated a panel presentation on recent U.S. Supreme Decisions at the annual meeting of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools in July.

### **Appointments**

- Continue to serve on the Program Planning Committee of the Southeastern Association of Law Schools.

## JENNIFER COLLINS

### **Presentations**

- The Art of Making a Name for Oneself, Southeastern Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (August 2009).
- Fathers Who Kill Their Children, Law and Society Association (May 2009).
- Eight is Enough, Junior Family Law Professors Gathering (May 2009).

### **Publications**

- “(When) Should Family Status

Matter in the Criminal Justice System?”, forthcoming in *New Criminal Law Review* (2010) (coauthored with Dan Markel & Ethan Leib).

- “Criminal Law Comes Home to a Family”, in *Criminal Law Conversations* (Oxford University Press 2009).

## CHRIS COUGHLIN

### **Appointments**

- Cross-appointment to the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Wake Forest University.

### **Publications**

- “Ethics in Regenerative Medicine” co-authored with Nancy King and Mark Furth for the WFU Intellectual Property Law Journal has been recognized three times in the SSRN top ten downloads for ethics.

### **Articles**

- An Examination of the Power of Narrative: A Review of Health Law & Bioethics (forthcoming spring 2010, *Journal of Law, Medicine and Ethics*).
- Failure Is Not An Option: What Legal Educators Can Learn from NASA’s Signature Pedagogies To Improve Student Outcomes (with Lisa McElroy), lead article in the *SMU Journal of Air Law Commerce*.
- Bioethics and the Law: Using Moot Court as a Tool to Teach Effective Argumentation Skills (with Tracey Banks Coan and Barbara Lentz).

### **Conferences**

- Womenomics at Wake Forest, Wake

Forest University Womens’ Forum (conference planning committee member).

- Career Development for Emerging Women Leaders (participant).

## TIMOTHY DAVIS

### **Presentations**

- “Sports Update: Title IX,” at Wake Forest University School of Law, which explored the requirements of Title IX, the effect it has had, both good and bad, on athletics, and how it is affecting individuals as well as colleges and organizations (September 2009).
- Winston-Salem State University’s Young Men for Change with Professors Wendy Parker and Omari Simmons and Dean Blake Morant at Wake Forest School of Law (October 2009).

## MIKI FELSENBURG

### **Presentations**

- Has accepted an invitation to give a presentation on research (see below) with Professor Laura Graham at the 2010 Biennial Conference of the Legal Writing Institute at Marco Island, Fla., in June.

### **Publications**

- Along with Professor Laura Graham completed the article “Beginning Legal Writers in Their Own Words: Why the First Weeks of Legal Writing are So Tough and What We Can Do About It.” The article will be published in the *Journal of the Legal Writing Institute* (Summer 2010).

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## SHANNON GILREATH

### **Presentations**

- Keynote address at the Conference for the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, Pace University, New York City. "Stonewall, Radicalism, and the Future of Gay Liberation" (November 2009).
- Talk at the Kaleidoscope Society Meeting, Wake Forest University. "Recent Developments in Gay Rights Law" (October 2009).
- Talk to the Triad Business and Professional Guild, Greensboro, N.C. "To Sleep, if not to the Slaughter: The Marriage Debate in Context" (October 2009).
- Talk for the Teaching and Learning Center, Wake Forest University. "Diversity in the Classroom" (with Professor Earl Smith) (October 2009)

- Address at the 6th Annual International Conference on Prostitution, Sex Work, and Human Trafficking, University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio. "Pornography as Trafficking" (October 2009).

### **Appointments**

- Cross-appointment to the Core Faculty of the Women's and Gender Studies Department as Professor of Women's and Gender Studies, Wake Forest University.

### **Publications**

- "Tell Your Faggot Friend He Owes Me \$500 for My Broken Hand": Thoughts on a Substantive Equality Theory of Free Speech," 44 Wake Forest Law Review 557-615 (2009).
- "Some Penetrating Observations on the Fifth Anniversary of *Lawrence v. Texas*: Privacy, Dominance, and Substantive Equality Theory," 30 Women's Rights Law Reporter 442-478 (2009).

## MICHAEL GREEN

### **Presentations**

- Gave a talk at a conference in Spain on "Modernizing Private Law." The conference included speakers from Switzerland, Austria, Spain and France who were involved in efforts to modernize their law of torts and contracts (Summer 2009).
- Has been working with an European organization that is trying to establish European Tort Law in an attempt to harmonize the various countries' tort laws. More than a dozen prominent tort scholars from

across Europe as well as South Africa and Israel were invited to meet for discussions at the University of Gerona, at which Green spoke (Summer 2009).

- Traveled in July 2009 to Beijing, where he met with Chinese law scholars from across the country and a select group who are involved in modernizing China's tort law. The group that met at Renmin University included about a dozen leading judges, lawyers, and academics from the American Law Institute, including Director Lance Liebman and his son, Ben Liebman, and Professor Robert Klonoff of the New York University School of Law.

### **Appointments**

- Served fall semester 2009 as a Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law.

### **Publications**

- "Restatement (Third) of Torts: Liability for Physical and Emotional Harm, Chapter on Land Possessor Duties, Volume I," published December 2009.

## JOHN KORZEN

### **Publications**

- "Make Your Argument: Succeeding in Moot Court and Mock Trial" (Kaplan Publishing 2010)

## JOHN KNOX

### **Presentations**

- "Applying Human Rights Jurisprudence to Climate Change," Faculty Workshop, Vanderbilt Law



John Knox



Barbara Lentz



Kate Mewhinney



Blake Morant



Steve Nickles

School (November 2009).

- “The Three Faces of the NAFTA Environmental Regime,” Symposium on a New Paradigm for Labor and Environmental Protections in Trade Agreements, Wake Forest School of Law, (October 2009).

#### Appointments

- Taught short course on International Trade Law at Vanderbilt University (November 2009).
- Directed the Wake Forest School of Law Venice Program in July 2009.

#### Publications

- Climate Change and Human Rights Law, 50 Virginia Journal of Int'l Law 163 (2009).
- Linking Human Rights and Climate Change at the United Nations, 33 Harvard Environmental Law Review 477 (2009).
- The Boundary Waters Treaty: Ahead of Its Time, and Ours, 54 Wayne Law Rev. 1591 (2009).

#### BARBARA LENTZ

##### Presentations

- Panel discussion, “Are students prepared to meet current demands of modern legal practice?”, at the 2009 North and South Carolina Legal Research & Writing Colloquium, held at Elon University School of Law in May.

#### KATE MEWHINNEY

##### Presentations

- “Doing the Right Thing: Perspectives on Ethics and Professionalism from the Multidisciplinary Team,”

(plenary panel) – Conference on Interdisciplinary Collaborative Education Partnerships Between Law Schools and the Health Professions, September 2009, Atlanta.

- “Guardianship and Probate Mediation Before the Clerk of Court,” 30th Annual Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Program, N.C. Bar Association Estate Planning and Fiduciary Law Section, July 2009, Kiawah Island, S.C.
- “Ethical Dilemmas When Wards Improve,” National Guardianship Association, 2009 Colloquium on Guardianship, April 2009, Charlotte, N.C.

#### Publications

- Wrote an article for the American Bar Association entitled “May I Introduce You to Your Lawyer: How We Built the Legal Resources We Will Need.” It appeared in “Experience” magazine (ABA Senior Lawyers Division), Fall 2009.

#### BLAKE MORANT

##### Presentations

- Moderator and Presenter, American Association of Law Schools’ Candidates Workshop, “What Law Schools Are Looking For” (November 2009).
- Winston-Salem State University’s Young Men for Change with Professors Tim Davis, Omari Simmons, and Wendy Parker at Wake Forest School of Law (October 2009).
- Professionalism Address to Florida

Coastal School of Law, “Thomas More’s Dilemma of Conscience: The Conflict Between Personal Beliefs and Professional Expectations” (September 2009).

#### Publications

- CLEO “Edge” magazine, Winter/ Spring 2010, “A Moment in the Life of a Lawyer as a Law School Dean.”
- “The Inescapable Intersection of Credibility, Audience and Profit in Broadcast Media’s Coverage of Elections,” 24 St. John’s Journal of Legal Commentary 479 (2009).

#### STEVE NICKLES

##### Publications

- Debtor-Creditor: Creditor Remedies and Debtor Rights Under State and Non-Bankruptcy Federal Law, Steve H. Nickles & David G. Epstein (West American Casebook Series).
- Payments Law and Commercial Paper, Steve H. Nickles & Mary Beth Matthews (West American Casebook Series).

##### Appointments

- WFU IT Strategic Planning Committee.

##### Presentations

- “Piercing the Veil of Securitization: An Aspect of the Home Mortgage Enforcement and Prospective Law Reform” Eighth and Tenth Circuits Judicial Conference, Duluth, Minn. (August 2009).
- “Piercing the Veil of Securitization: An Aspect of the Home Mortgage Enforcement and Prospective Law Reform.”

# FACULTY NOTES

## PROFILE TIM DAVIS

**W**hile most law professors don't start teaching until after they have earned their juris doctorate and have at least a few years practicing law under their belts, Professor Timothy Davis began teaching long before he entered law school.

"I have been a tutor since elementary school, and I tutored younger students and some my own age throughout middle school and high school," he explained. "At Stanford, I was a member of the Black Students Association, which offered tutoring to elementary children living in Palo Alto (Calif.). As an attorney in Denver, I worked with first-year law students at the University of Denver, School of Law."

Whether it is in his Contracts, Sales or Sports Law class, Davis views every class as a conversation that creates an opportunity for students to advance their knowledge of the substantive law and their critical thinking skills. "Directing the conversation requires balancing these goals as well as challenging and encouraging students."

Prior to coming to Wake Forest in 1988, Davis taught for nine years

at Southern Methodist University and practiced commercial litigation in Denver after earning his JD from the University of California at Berkeley in 1979.

Academics, according to Davis, allow him to explore the law in ways that he couldn't when he was practicing law, and the opportunity to interact with students is a bonus.

"I disagree with the criticism some have voiced that far too many law students are only interested in learning the material in order to enhance their chances of obtaining a job following law school. That may be true for some students. My experience has been, however, that our students are curious and well-rounded with a range of professional and personal interests. I've been particularly impressed with our students' interest in being of service to the larger community."

Davis, who is the John W. & Ruth H. Turnage Professor of Law, has written articles addressing UCC warranties and serves on the committee that drafts Contracts and Sales questions for the Multi-State Bar Exam. Davis is best

known, however, as one of the nation's leading sports law experts. He co-authored a sports law casebook, "The Business of Sports Agents," serves on the Review Board for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, and is a member of the Board of Advisors for the National Sports Law Institute.

In fall 2009, Davis organized a forum, "Sports Update: Title IX," with the student-organized Sports & Entertainment Law Society. In addition to planning future forums that will address current topics in sports law, Davis is instrumental in organizing next year's event, "Higher Education, Race and Athletics," on the Reynolda campus. The conference will bring together an interdisciplinary group of sports academics, educators, athletics administrators, student athletes and others who will explore the interplay between race, college sports and higher education. They will address a range of topics such as impact of race on athletic administrative opportunities for racial minorities, stereotypes and identity, and the academic performance of minority athletes.

Three years ago the late Miles Brand of the National Collegiate Athletic Association provided seed money for an NCAA Scholarly Colloquium on College Sports, which is held annually in conjunction with the NCAA Convention, for the top thought leaders in the nation on collegiate athletics. In 2009, Davis was elected to the Colloquium, and he participated in the January 2010 event. ♦





Wendy Parker



Ralph Peeples



Suzanne Reynolds



Kami Chavis Simmons



Omari Simmons

- Arkansas Bar Association Annual Meeting, Hot Springs, Ark. (June 2009).
- Missouri Bankruptcy Judges Symposium, sponsored by the Federal Court of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo. (June 2009).
- First Public Presentation of West's Online Community and Publishing Service, Law School Exchange
- CALI 2009 Conference for Law School Computing, Boulder, Colo. (June 2009).

#### Other

- Created Wake Law's first virtual externship program with The Honorable Nancy C. Dreher, Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, District of Minnesota and The Honorable Joan M. Feeney, U.S. Bankruptcy Judge, Eastern District of Massachusetts and four current Wake Law students, each of whom will receive three hours of academic credit upon completion of the externship.
- Hosted dinner for W. Fred Williams, Sr. ('40) and each of the current W. Fred Williams Scholars and their families.

#### WENDY PARKER

##### Presentations

- Winston-Salem State University's Young Men for Change with Professors Tim Davis and Omari Simmons and Dean Blake Morant at Wake Forest School of Law (October 2009).

#### RALPH PEEPLES

##### Presentations

- A paper at the program "ADR Meets Bankruptcy: Cross-Purposes or Cross-Pollination?" speaking about the use of mediation in Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases. The event was sponsored by the St. John's University School of Law and the American Bankruptcy Institute Law Review (October 2009).

#### SUZANNE REYNOLDS

##### Presentations

- "Inquiring Minds and Open Hearts: Wake Forest and Public Engagement," Wake Forest University Convocation Address, Wait Chapel (September 2009).
- "An Interview with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg," The Judges' Journal, Vol. 48, No. 3 (Summer 2009).

##### Appointments

- Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Wake Forest University School of Law, beginning July 2010.

##### Publications

- Lee's N.C. Family Law, supplements to Vols. 1, 2, and 3 (October 2009).
- "In Memoriam: Deborah Leonard Parker," 44 WF L. Rev. (Fall 2009).

#### KAMI CHAVIS SIMMONS

##### Presentations

- Spoke at the University of South Carolina School of Law symposium called "Promoting Police Accountability and Integrity: The Case for Cooperative Federalism"

(October 2009).

##### Publications

- "New Governance and the New Paradigm of Police Accountability: A Democratic Approach to Police Reform." To be published in Catholic University Law Review, Volume 59, Issue 2 (March 2010).

#### OMARI SCOTT SIMMONS

##### Presentations

- Winston-Salem State University's Young Men for Change with Professors Tim Davis and Wendy Parker and Dean Blake Morant at Wake Forest School of Law (October 2009).
- "Innkeepers: The Elusive Theory of In-House Counsel," William and Mary Law School, Williamsburg, Virginia, (March 2010).

##### Publications

- "Corporate Governance Reform as a Credence Service", J. Bus. & Tech L. (forthcoming 2010) (essay).
- "The Under-examination of In-house Counsel", Transactions Tenn. J. Bus. L. (forthcoming 2010) (essay).
- "Picking Friends from the Crowd: Supreme Court Amicus Participation as Political Symbolism", 42 Conn. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2009).

#### SIDNEY SHAPIRO

##### Presentations

- "OIRA Review: Something Old, Something New?" Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, American Bar Association, Fall Meeting, Washington, D.C., (October

# FACULTY NOTES

## PROFILE ROBERT WALSH

**A**fter 18 years at the helm of the school, Wake Forest University School of Law Professor and Dean Emeritus Robert Walsh has returned to full-time teaching in the classroom after stepping down in 2007. But when he's not in the classroom, he's been witnessing history firsthand.

As the national president of the American Inns of Court, Walsh recently traveled to London to represent the organization at ceremonies surrounding the initiation of the British Legal Year and the establishment of the first Supreme Court in the history of the United Kingdom.

"The events began with a ceremony full of pageantry at Westminster Abbey on Oct. 1 (2009) focusing particularly on the establishment of the new Supreme Court," he said. "The new Justices took their oaths of office on a live television broadcast both throughout the U.K. and the world in the largest courtroom of the new Supreme Court Building

across Parliament Square from their old residence in the House of Lords section of Parliament."

For centuries, the highest court of the United Kingdom was the House of Lords. And for the past 100 years, a committee of Law Lords has functioned as the country's highest court. All judges have been appointed by a member of the prime minister's cabinet. On Oct. 1, the former Law Lords became Justices of the new Supreme Court and moved out of the House of Lords section of Parliament to a new separate Supreme Court building. The head of the new Supreme Court is the president, Lord Nicholas Phillips. Lord Phillips will present the law school's Hooding Ceremony keynote address on May, 16.

"The impetus for the establishment of the first Supreme Court in British history was to have a greater separation of powers for judicial independence," Walsh said. "Judges will now be appointed by judicial selection commissions independent of both the executive and

"The establishment of the first Supreme Court in British history was to have a greater separation of powers for judicial independence."

*- Professor Robert Walsh*

legislative branches."

Walsh also took four 2009 American Inns of Court Temple Bar Scholars to London to introduce them to the leaders of the English Bench and Bar.

"Lord Nicholas Phillips welcomed the Temple Scholars to London and invited them to hear the initial part of the oral argument in the first case argued in the new Supreme Court dealing with the confiscation of assets of people and organizations suspected of financing terrorists."

Following his London trip, Walsh presided at the annual Celebration of Excellence dinner and ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court on Oct. 17. Justice Antonin Scalia and former Justice Sandra Day O'Connor attended and spoke at the event. The ceremony recognized outstanding lawyers and judges for extraordinary professionalism in their careers.

The American Inns of Court has more than 350 local chapters across the United States consisting of more than 27,000 active members and more than 80,000 alumni members. The American Inns of Court will celebrate its 30th anniversary next year. Professor Walsh is only the second non-judge president of the American Inns of Court. ♦





*Sidney Shapiro*



*Margaret Taylor*



*George Walker*



*Ron Wright*

2009).

- “OIRA Oversight in the Obama Administration,” Administrative Law Institute, Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice Section, American Bar Association, Washington, D.C. (June 2009)
- “The Fiscal Crisis and American Political Values,” Public Lecture, University of Padua, Padua, Italy (May 2009).

#### **Publications**

- “The Social Costs of Dangerous Products: An Empirical Investigation”, 18 Cornell J. of Law & Pub. Pol. 775 (2009) (with J. Paul Leigh and Ruth Ruttenberg)
- “Political Science”: Regulatory Science After the Bush Administration, 4 Duke Journal of Constitutional Law and Public Policy 31 (2009)
- “Eight Things Americans Can’t Figure Out About Controlling Administrative Power”, 61 Ad. L. Rev. 5 (2009) (special issue) (with Richard Murphy)

#### **MARGARET TAYLOR**

##### **Appointments**

- One of two special masters to resolve disputes about eligibility for class membership in a nationwide class action lawsuit, *Northwest Immigrant Rights Project v. US.C.IS*, No. 88-379 (W.D. Wash.), which challenged the government’s administration of a legalization program enacted by Congress in 1986.
- Participated in a consultation

convened by the Washington, D.C., office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to advise UNHCR in its comprehensive review of asylum adjudication in the United States.

#### **GEORGE WALKER**

##### **Presentations**

- Participated in a symposium titled “The Ins and Outs of the Modern Port: Where Do We Go From Here?” The event was sponsored by the South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business, at the University of South Carolina School of Law, in Columbia, S.C., (February 2009)

##### **Publications**

- “Self-Defense, The Law of Armed Conflict and Port Security,” in Volume 5 of the South Carolina Journal of International Law & Business, as part of a Symposium, “The Ins and Outs of the Modern Port: Where Do We Go From Here?”

##### **Honors**

- Chairs the International Law Association Law of the Sea Committee.

#### **ROBERT WALSH**

##### **Presentations**

- Presided at the annual Celebration of Excellence dinner and ceremony at the U.S. Supreme Court (October 2009).
- Represented the American Inns of Court at ceremonies surrounding the initiation of the British Legal Year

and the establishment of the first Supreme Court in the history of the United Kingdom.

- Took four 2009 American Inns of Court Temple Bar Scholars to London to introduce them to the leaders of the English Bench and Bar.

#### **RON WRIGHT**

##### **Presentations**

- “Systems and Culture that Promote Compliance with Law in Prosecutors’ Offices,” Conference on Brady Compliance, Cardozo School of Law, New York City (November 2009).
- “Mexican Drug Violence and Adversarial Experimentation,” Conference on the Future of the Adversary System, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (April 2009).

##### **Publications**

- “Fragmented Users of Crime Predictions,” Ariz. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2010).
- “Mexican Drug Violence and Adversarial Experiments,” 35 N.C. J. Int’l L. & Comm. Reg. (forthcoming 2010).
- 2009 Supplement for Criminal Procedures Cases, Statutes, and Executive Materials (Aspen Publishers 2007) (with Marc Miller).
- “Grand Juries and Expertise in the Administrative State,” in *Grand Jury 2.0: Modern Perspectives on the Grand Jury* (Roger Fairfax, ed. 2009).
- “How Prosecutor Elections Fail Us,” 6 Ohio St. J. Crim. Law 581-610 (2009).

# ALUMNI NEWS

Law school alumni and friends create legacy funds. Alumni and friends of the Wake Forest School of Law contribute to the success of Wake Forest in many ways, including provisions in their estates or other planned gifts for the future. Each year, Wake Forest receives notification that a donor has established charitable funds in their financial plans for the future.

A planned gift is a gift of capital that can be an outright gift, a life-income gift, or a charitable bequest. It can be made

during a donor's lifetime or at the time of his or her death, and it is oftentimes motivated by a desire to meet a specific need of the donor.

Contributions to the Wake Forest law school since the beginning of its history have made it one of the leading law schools in the nation. By making a planned gift, your legacy will become a part of the University's future and will serve as a permanent reminder of your generosity to and love for the Wake Forest law school.

We proudly recognize the following alumni and friends of the law school who created planned gifts during the last fiscal year:

Karin Carson ('85), Doyle Early ('67), Susan P. Ellis ('93), Robin Hinshaw ('77), Sue Kaloyannides ('58), Katherine Mims (Kem) Schroeder ('81), Andy Porter ('75), David Shores, Wake Forest Law Professor, and Mr. R. Michael Wells, Sr. ('74). ♦

## IT PAYS TO BE CHARITABLE OVERCOME LOW INTEREST RATES WITH A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

Often people are surprised to learn that there are ways to make a gift to the Wake Forest School of Law and receive a stream of income in the process. A Charitable Gift Annuity returns to the donor and/or another beneficiary lifetime income that is fixed and guaranteed. The amount of your payment is based on the amount of the gift and your age. If you are considering a gift to the law school and have stock paying a small dividend or have certificates of deposit coming due, you may wish to consider a Charitable Gift Annuity. In addition to guaranteed lifetime income, some of which may be tax-free, you may also benefit from:

- A higher payment amount
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AGE	NEW RATE	ANNUNITY PAYMENT	TAX DEDUCTION
65	5.3%	\$2,650	\$17,369
70	5.7%	\$2,850	\$20,170
75	6.3%	\$3,150	\$22,717
80	7.1%	\$3,550	\$25,459
65/65	4.9%	\$2,450	\$12,627
70/70	5.2%	\$2,600	\$15,453
75/75	5.6%	\$2,800	\$18,471
80/80	6.1%	\$3,050	\$21,890

(All calculations based on IRS discount rate of 3.4%)

For more information about this and other planned giving opportunities, please contact:

Allen H. (Chip) Patterson, Jr., Director of Planned Giving

P.O. Box 7227, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27109-7227

Telephone: 336.758.5288 or 800.752.8568

National Law Giving Committee begins phone campaign One of your law school classmates may be calling you soon to ask for an annual gift for the Wake Forest Fund for the School of Law. Members of the National Law Giving Committee as well as Law Board of Visitors members have joined forces to help the law school reach its goal of \$597,000 for the fiscal year. Please say "Yes!" when you hear from your fellow alumni and help the law school reach its annual law fund goal.

This year's campaign is led by Andy

Berly ('83) of Charleston, S.C. Andy practiced law with the Ness Motley Law Firm for a number of years before starting a financial investments firm in Charleston. He is a member of the Law Board of Visitors.

Annual unrestricted gifts help support the Law School's most pressing needs. These funds are more important this year than ever due to the decreased interest earned on endowment funds. Law fund gifts address critical areas such as student scholarships, faculty research, student organizations and clinical

programs. They also provide the Dean with important latitude to undertake new initiatives and meet unanticipated needs throughout the year.

Thank you to the 2009-10 National Law Giving Committee:

Andy Berly ('83), Clara Cottrell ('07), N. Leo Daughtry ('65), Kristin Garris ('08), D. Beth Langley ('92), Jennifer Malinovsky ('92), Ellen Murphy ('03), Karl Sawyer ('77), and R. Bruce Thompson ('94). ♦

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Annual Partners' Holiday Gala celebrates *pro humanitate* More than 145 alumni, faculty and friends attended the Partners' Holiday Gala in Bridger Field House on Dec. 4. Donors and volunteers were recognized at this annual law school event, which was sponsored by Nexsen Pruet. RayLen Vineyards' owners Joe and Joyce Neely ('75) furnished the wine for the gala. Speakers included Tom Comerford ('74), Professor Charles Rose and law student John Koesters ('10), who impressed upon the audience the importance of giving back to the community, their law school and the legal profession. ♦

#### PHOTO CAPTIONS (CLOCKWISE)

Joyce Neely ('75) (left) and David Senter ('84)



Mary Martha (left) & Walker Douglas ('88), Doug ('88) & Jane Maynard, Cliff ('86) & Joanna Britt



Roger Gripe (left), Stuart ('85) & Kim Stogner ('94), and Karen Wilson ('98)



David Zacks ('67) (left), Leo Daughtry ('65), and Jimmy Barnhill ('65), classmates in the Class of 1965.



Steve Berlin ('84) (left) and Gib Laite ('84)



# ALUMNI NEWS

## TOP TO BOTTOM

Michael Maizes ('84) (left) and Carl Salisbury ('88) were among the New York alumni that gathered with Dean Blake Morant at the Cornell Club in November.

Dean Blake Morant greeted Doug Abrams ('79) (left), Dick Taylor and Cliff Britt ('86), among others, at the N.C. Advocates for Justice annual meeting at Sunset Beach in June.

Brenda Brewer (left), Charles Trefzger and Professor Rhoda Billings enjoy the 25th reunion for the class of 1984.





TOP TO BOTTOM

McLain ('88) (left) and Marybeth Wallace gather with Dean Blake Morant and other local alumni to hear from University Trustee and CEO of ISP Sports Ben Sutton ('83).

Law classes of 1958 and 1959 celebrate their 50th reunion.

Atlanta alumni enjoy staying in touch with their fellow Wake Forest law school colleagues.



# CLASS NOTES

## PROFILE THOMAS SAGER ('76)

**B**efore he became one of the top law professionals in the country, before he had a distinguished award established in his name, before he became the top legal counsel for a global company, Thomas L. Sager ('76) washed dishes.

During his second year at Wake Forest School of Law, he lived in a house owned by another law student, Dan Taylor. Fellow classmate Bob Slaughter lived there, too. They had a weekly rotation of chores: one person would be the cook and make the grocery list, one would buy the groceries, and the other would be responsible for cleaning up. It was a reliable system that kept the hard-working trio sated and clean while they plowed through the challenging school year.

In those humble housing

arrangements, a legal star was born. Sager now serves as the senior vice president and general counsel for DuPont, overseeing all legal matters for a \$27 billion company that requires counsel from Delaware to Hong Kong. In November, he received the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution's 2009 Corporate Leadership Award at a banquet in New York. Several Wake Forest alumni and faculty members were in attendance, including Taylor, his old landlord/roommate and a current partner at Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP in Winston-Salem.

"Yeah, I rented Tom Sager a room for a year," Taylor says now, laughing. "(Law school) was hard. We studied real hard. And we were scared to death half the time."

During his professional ascent, Sager's major efforts at DuPont have been both noteworthy and noble. He has made DuPont a leader in introducing sound business practices into law, and established the company as a model for diversity.

In 1997, Sager helped found the Minority Corporate Counsel Association (MCCA), an organization that advocates hiring, retaining and promoting minorities in the law field. In 2001, the MCCA established the Thomas L. Sager Award, to be given each year to corporate law departments and firms for their commitment to diversity.

Sager's dedication to diversity stems not only from his own core beliefs, but also from DuPont's core values. He was driven to ensure DuPont Legal projected the company as a diverse workplace.

"I was really interested in labor law after a few classes at Wake. That led me to DuPont."

- *Thomas Sager ('76)*

"It was important for legal to lead, because we interact daily with the outside world," Sager said. "We want to mirror society at large. When you have to make your case, you want to put your best foot forward. You want to make sure you're on message and credible, and you're connecting with your audience."

Sager is viewed in law circles as a visionary in convergence, which is a movement by large companies to use fewer law firms in an effort to increase their own efficiency. He also helped develop DuPont's Convergence and Law Firm Partnering program, which he continues to oversee. As part of that, DuPont engages in alternative dispute resolution programs, which reduce legal costs for the company.

"For every \$1 spent on litigation, that's \$1 less for research, product development and growth," Sager said.

Sager's reputation as a business-minded, diversity-driven leader drew Omari Simmons to DuPont in 2003. Simmons, now an associate professor at Wake Forest School of Law, worked on DuPont's in-house legal team in a subsidiary office (DuPont Textiles and Interiors) for more than two years. Sager's influence on Simmons is still obvious, considering Simmons frequently incorporates Sager into career conversations with Wake Forest law students.

"When you meet Tom, it is obvious that you are in the presence of a genuine, sincere and kind person," Simmons said. "He is a consummate professional with





Murray Greason Jr.



Harvey Cosper



Catherine Arrowood



Howard Borum



Carole Bruce

great ideas, judgment, enthusiasm and the ability to deliver results. When students inquire about in-house legal careers, I often use Tom Sager as an example."

As Sager has climbed at DuPont, he's had to become more accustomed to a slower pace and more focused on the bigger picture. DuPont's 196 attorneys throughout the world handle nearly 4,000 cases a year. He became senior vice president and general counsel in July 2008 after more than 10 years as vice president and assistant general counsel, and chief litigation counsel.

"I used to oversee litigation for the better part of a decade. That's fast-paced and creative," Sager said. "There's a lot more governance in my current job (senior vice president and general counsel)."

Sager, who grew up in Rhode Island and earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, seemed destined to do big things at DuPont. His father was an executive with the company.

So after law school in 1976, he started as an attorney in the labor and securities group at DuPont. And he never left.

"I was really interested in labor law after a few classes at Wake," Sager said. "That led me to DuPont. I've enjoyed having a captive client, and not having to worry about client and revenue generation." ♦

## 1952

**GERALD F. WHITE SR.** is 83 and a retired Elizabeth City lawyer. He received the N.C. State Bar's Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting of the First Judicial District Bar for his "exemplary service to the legal profession." He was inducted into the N.C. Bar Association's General Practice Hall of Fame in 1997.

## 1954

**LESLIE E. BROWDER** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Durham, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1956

**FRANK P. MEADOWS JR.** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Rocky Mount, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in tax law.

## 1958

**H. GRADY BARNHILL JR.** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1961

**HENRY A. MITCHELL JR.** was honored by the N.C. Bar Association Foundation with The Henry A. Mitchell Justice Fund, dedicated at the N.C. Bar Center in Cary, N.C. He is a partner of Smith Anderson Blount Dorsett Mitchell & Jernigan in Raleigh, N.C. He has been a member of the board of trustees of Guilford College and the board of visitors of the Wake Forest School of Law.

## 1962

**FRED S. BLACK** has practiced law in South Boston-Halifax, Va., since 1962. He and his wife, Bettie Bell, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They have a son, Frederick Stanley Black Jr.

## 1965

**JIMMY H. BARNHILL** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1967

**DONALD A. DONADIO** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1968

**KENNETH A. MOSER** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**MEYRESSA SCHOONMAKER** has been inducted into the N.C. Bar Association's General Practice Hall of Fame for her lifetime of exemplary service and high ethical and professional standards as a role model for N.C. lawyers.

## 1971

**M. JAY DEVANEY** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate law, eminent domain and condemnation law.

## 1973

**ALFRED G. ADAMS** is with Womble

# CLASS NOTES



Steve Coles



J. Stanley Atwell



David Warren

Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**MOSES D. LASITTER** has joined White & Allen PA in New Bern, N.C., practicing civil litigation.

**H. PAUL (BUD) MCCOY** served 29 years as a judge. He retired as chief district court judge and received the Judges' Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

## 1974

**R. MICHAEL WELLS SR.** is a partner with Wells Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins in Winston-Salem, N.C. He was elected secretary and chairman-elect of the United Way of Forsyth County and was honored by Triad Business Journal as one of the most influential leaders in the Triad.

## 1975

**WILLIAM S. CHERRY JR.** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in banking and real estate law.

## 1976

**CATHARINE ARROWOOD** is with Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She will serve as a member of the 2009 DirectWomen Board Institute, an initiative of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section and Catalyst.

**THOMAS H. DAVIS JR.** is with Poyner Spruill in Raleigh, N.C. He has been

named a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America.

## 1977

**GAITHER M. KEENER JR.** is senior vice president, general counsel, secretary and chief compliance officer for Lowe's Companies in Mooresville, N.C. His peers in North Carolina have named him Best Corporate Attorney.

**RICHARD T. RICE** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1978

**GARZA BALDWIN III** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1979

**KEITH A. CLINARD** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**SAMUEL L. FEEMSTER** is a supervisory special agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Quantico, Va. He received the Jefferson Award for his innovative research on police vitality. He is the first African-American to be honored with this award in the history of the FBI. He and his wife, Rosa, have two sons.

**DON VAUGHAN** completed his first term in the N.C. Senate representing Greensboro.

## 1980

**HOWARD L. BORUM** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in land use, zoning and real estate law.

**STEPHEN W. COLES** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in personal injury litigation and has been selected for 10 years in a row.

## 1981

**REID C. ADAMS JR.** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**G. MICHAEL BARNHILL** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**MARILYN FORBES** is an attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America. She received the 2009 Women Extraordinaire Award, presented by Business Leader Media.

**TERRI L. GARDNER** is a partner with Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She is on the board of visitors for the Wake Forest School of Law. She received a Tier 1 ranking for individual attorneys in bankruptcy and restructuring law in the Chambers USA 2009 directory.



William Bird



Gale White



G. Bryan Adams III



Jeffrey Patton



W. Ross Forbes Jr.

**SUSANNA KNUTSON GIBBONS** is in the employment practice group of Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. She was recognized by Chambers USA with a Tier 3 ranking for North Carolina and has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in labor and employment law.

**MICHAEL SPEAS** launched a web site to help job seekers with resume writing and job search services ([www.alphadogresumes.com](http://www.alphadogresumes.com)).

## 1982

**CHRISTINE L. MYATT** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in bankruptcy and creditor-debtor rights law.

## 1983

**MARGARET SHEA BURNHAM** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, N.C. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in real estate law.

**G. THOMAS LEE** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**CHRISTOPHER E. LEON** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**DAVID L. TERRY** is in the employment practice group of Poyner Spruill LLP in Charlotte, N.C. He was recognized by Chambers USA with a Tier 3 ranking for

North Carolina.

**WILLIAM M. WILCOX IV** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in tax law.

## 1984

**J. STANLEY ATWELL** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in trusts and estates.

**NANCY DAVENPORT** is vice president in the Office of Governmental Affairs at New York Life Insurance Co. She and her husband, Jim, and their three children live in Kingston, N.Y.

**R. CREIGH DEEDS** won the Virginia Democratic Gubernatorial Primary.

**ROBERT E. FIELDS III** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**JOHN C.W. GARDNER JR.** practices personal injury and workers compensation law with his father, John C.W. Gardner Sr. ('56), at Gardner Gardner & Campbell in Mount Airy, N.C.

**DONNA H. HAMILTON** has been named associate vice president for legal administration in the legal department at Wake Forest.

**JAMES R. MORGAN JR.** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in

Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**DAVID A. SENTER SR.** is with Nexsen Pruet LLC in Greensboro, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in construction law.

**DAVID M. WARREN** is in the creditors' rights and bankruptcy group of Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh and Rocky Mount, N.C. He was recognized by Chambers USA in Tier 1 of bankruptcy/restructuring for North Carolina.

## 1985

**TIMOTHY G. BARBER** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**KENNETH G. CARROLL** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Durham, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**DAVID D. DAGGETT** is senior vice president and chief legal officer with Daggett Shuler in Winston-Salem, N.C. He received the Everyday Hero Award for the 2009 Ford Ironman Coeur d'Alene.

**THOMAS GRELLA** is with McGuire Wood & Bissette PA in Asheville, N.C. He is publishing a blog on legal issues for North Carolina businesses at [www.ncbusinesslawblog.net](http://www.ncbusinesslawblog.net).

## 1986

**JOHN W. BABCOCK** is with Wall Esleeck Babcock LLP in Winston-Salem, N.C. He

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## PROFILE ANTONIO LEWIS ('06)



**A**ntonio Lewis ('06) never learned about hidden image technology, or light-emitting diode technology, or much in the way of technology at all, while studying at the Wake Forest School of Law. But by being an active law student and participant in a variety of organizations and activities, he proved to be a quick learner and someone who could think on his feet.

That's served him well in his career as part of the patent litigation team with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice in Charlotte. The team works as counsel for both plaintiffs and defendants in intellectual property litigation and patent litigation. With the technology race always in high gear, companies and individuals are always trying to stay out front in terms of patents, giving Lewis plenty to do.

IP litigation gives you an

opportunity to engage with really interesting and cutting edge technology," he said. "You have a chance to become a mini-expert in a host of different fields."

Lewis, it seems, is someone who could have been proficient in any field. Originally, when he was a kid, he thought he wanted to be an archeologist. Then, in middle school, he decided he was going to be a robotics engineer and work for NASA. His middle school guidance counselor in Florence, S.C., handed him a book on Duke University's engineering program. Lewis had no concept of Duke, or its pedigree, but he liked what the book said. So he set his college sights on the Durham school.

While his college goal didn't change, his career choice did. Lewis entered Duke hoping to become a doctor. But midway through his second year, he said, he realized he didn't like organic chemistry, among other pre-med requirements. He switched his major to political science

and history, and hatched a plan to attend law school.

First, though, he went to work for MassMutual Financial Group in New England as a tax consultant. After a couple years there, in 2003, he made a return to the Carolinas and started law school at Wake Forest.

"I focused my search on schools in the South, with smaller student populations, somewhere I could engage with the faculty and where the faculty and administration encouraged a collaborative environment," Lewis said. "Wake really offered that."

At Wake Forest, Lewis served on the honor council, was active in the moot court, served on the Dean's Committee on Curriculum and Faculty, and helped produce the "Conversation with ..." series, bringing in notable speakers from the law field.

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**"IP litigation gives you an opportunity to engage with really interesting and cutting edge technology."**

*- Antonio Lewis ('06)*



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and one of Woodward/White's Best Lawyers in America.

**MARY SHARP** is with Griffith Sadler & Sharp PA in Beaufort, S.C. She received one of South Carolina Lawyers Weekly 2009 Leadership in Law Awards.

## 1994

**ERIC W. ISKRA** is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. He has been named a Super Lawyer in employment and labor law and named to the World Services Group North American Regional Council.

**KIMBERLY H. STOGNER** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

**R. BRUCE THOMPSON II** heads the government and public policy practice group at Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named a Law & Politics Super Lawyer and one of Woodward/White's Best Lawyers in America.

**JOSEPH E. ZESZOTARSKI** is with Poyner Spruill LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America in criminal defense.

## 1995

**THOMAS ERWIN** is a U.S. administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration.

## 1996

**MARY NELL CRAVEN** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. She has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1997

**ELLIOT A. FUS** is an associate practicing business litigation with Blanco Tackaberry & Matamoros PA in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**BRETT HANNA** is a partner with Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He practices real estate development and finance.

**JENNA DOCKERY WEBB** is an associate focusing on commercial real estate with York Law PLLC in Raleigh, N.C.

## 1998

**ABDULAZIZ AL-BOSAILY** (LLM) has partnered his law office in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, with Clyde & Co. He works with the international law firm's Middle Eastern Corporate and Financial Services groups advising on Islamic financing transactions.

**K. CARTER COOK** has been named associate counsel in the legal department at Wake Forest.

**THOMAS A. PRICE** is with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice PLLC in Charlotte, N.C. He has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America.

## 1999

**JASON D. NEWTON** practices medical malpractice defense litigation with Yates McLamb & Weyher LLP in Raleigh, N.C. He was selected a fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America.

## 2000

**BRIAN CHAPURAN** received an LLM in military law from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School. He is stationed at Ft. Knox, Ky., and is the command judge advocate for the 3rd Sustainment Command.

**MARCUS S. LAWRENCE JR.** is a founding member of Thorn Lawrence PL in Tampa, Fla., focusing on commercial and construction litigation and military law. He has been named a Rising Star by Florida Super Lawyers magazine.

**STEPHEN A. OBERG** is a director of Council Baradel Kosmerl & Nolan PA in Annapolis, Md. He focuses on commercial and business litigation.

## 2001

**KRISTINE ELIZABETH GOLDHAWK** teaches social studies at New Canaan High School in New Canaan, Conn. She is pursuing a master's of educational technology at the University of British Columbia.

**GREGORY DAVID HABEEB** practices business litigation with Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore LLP in Roanoke, Va. He has been named a Super Lawyer Rising Star by Law & Politics magazine.

**CRAIG A. TAYLOR** is with Carruthers & Roth PA in Greensboro, N.C. He has been elected to the board of governors of the N.C. Bar Association.

**DAVID MICHAEL TUCKER** has been assigned to the law faculty at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

#### 2002

**AARON OYARCE** (LLM) earned his SJD from the University of Lima, Peru, and a second LLM in European private law from the Universitá di Roma "La Sapienza." He is public law department head of the School of Law and academic coordinator at San Martin University.

**YORIKO SAKAI** (LLM) is a patent licensing attorney with the Japan branch of Rovi Corporation.

#### 2003

**KIMBERLY DOYLE** is a member of the Idaho State Bar and field counsel for Liberty Mutual Group in Boise, Idaho.

**YAZMYNE VASQUEZ** (LLM) is assistant director and international LLM and alumni adviser in the Career Development Office of the University of Miami School of Law.

**KATHRYN HUNTER WINSTEAD** is the lobbying compliance division attorney for the N.C. Department of the Secretary of State in Raleigh, N.C.

**EDWARD AVERY WYATT** practices commercial litigation with Hunton & Williams LLP. He transferred to their



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office in Washington, D.C.

## 2004

**YOUNG-SOO CHANG** (LLM) is pursuing a second LLM in securities and financial regulation at Georgetown University. He interned in the corporate financial department of the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

**ROBERT A. MULLINAX JR.** has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of district court judge for the 25th Judicial District of North Carolina. He and his wife, Kim, and son, John, live in Newton, N.C.

**REZARTE VUKATANA** (LLM) received a research studentship and is pursuing a Ph.D. in securities market law at the University of Westminster School of Law in London.

**R. MICHAEL WELLS JR.** is an attorney, member and shareholder with Wells

Jenkins Lucas & Jenkins PLLC in Winston-Salem, N.C. He has been named one of Triad Business Journal's 40 Leaders Under Forty.

## 2005

**SAMUEL CHACON** (LLM) published an article, "How to Calculate the National Input of Goods in National Mexican Public Bid Procedures," in the North American Free Trade & Investment Report (January 2009). He is with Chacón Rodríguez Abogados in Mexico City.

**DANIEL MILLARES** (LLM) is the justice and peace director at the Organization of American States' Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia.

**RICHARD M. WALLACE** is with Spilman Thomas & Battle PLLC in Charleston, W.Va. He has been named a Super Lawyer-Rising Star in employment and labor law.

## 2006

**MUHANAD ASSAF** (LLM) is a founder and senior partner of Ittqan Consulting Services in Ramallah, Palestine. He is a part-time lecturer at Birzeit University.

**ROBERT E. SPIOTTI** is a partner in a boutique tax firm, Davenport & Spiotti in Montville, N.J.

**KATSUO YAMAURA** (LLM) published a book on international business law for Lexis Nexis Japan.

## 2007

**AMEED ANANI** (LLM) is founder and senior partner at Ittqan Consulting Services in Ramallah, Palestine. He lectures part-time at Birzeit University.

**MOHAMAD BASAM** (LLM) is pursuing an SJD at the Wake Forest School of Law.

**SUN KYOUNG KIM** (LLM) is a partner at Yulchn Attorneys at Law in Seoul, South Korea.

**VICTOR MANZANO** (LLM) is vice general counsel and labor counsel for Latin America with Nokia Mexico.

**YURIKA OKUMURA** (LLM) is assistant vice president of the Compliance Department with Tokyo Star Bank Ltd. She oversees compliance training and prevention of sexual harassment and "power harassment."

## 2008

**KUO-HUNG CHEN** (LLM) is a member of the legal department of ASUSTek, a computer manufacturing company in Taiwan.

**J. SHANNON GATLIN** completed a term as a briefing attorney with the Texas Fourteenth Court of Appeals. He is an associate in labor and employment with Alaniz & Schraeder LLP in Houston.

**JUDY HAENSEL** (LLM) completed an internship at Byrne Davis & Hicks in Charlotte, N.C. She is pursuing a JD at the Wake Forest School of Law.

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**YOSHIHIRO SAKAMOTO** (LLM) completed two internships in New York City and returned to the legal and risk management group of Kuraray Co. Ltd. in Tokyo.

**MENGFEI YU** (LLM) passed the New York Bar exam and is a paralegal at Fengling Liu Attorney at Law in New York.

## 2009

**BADER AL GHANEM** (LLM) is counselor at the Bureau of Experts at the Saudi Council of Ministers in Saudi Arabia.

**HEEYOON "DANNY" CHOI** (LLM) is a legal assistant at MiraeComm Holding LLC of Atlanta.

**BAKHYTZHAN KUSSAINOV** (LLM) had an internship at Kilpatrick Stockton in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**MARTIN RINSCHIED** (LLM) had an internship with Sullivan & Cromwell in Frankfurt, Germany.

**ANASS SHABAN** (LLM) has returned home and is a private advocate in Jerusalem, Israel.

**HAO WANG** (LLM) is an intern in the trademarks group of Kilpatrick Stockton in Winston-Salem, N.C.

**RUILU WANG** (LLM) is pursuing a JD at the Wake Forest School of Law.

**SARA ZEURCHER** is a volunteer at the Kentucky Poverty Law Center, a

nonprofit organization that identifies and addresses specific elements of poverty. She and her husband live in Lexington, Ky.

## MARRIAGES

**KATHRYN LEE HUNTER** ('03) and Mark Winstead. 5/30/09 in Raleigh, N.C. The wedding party included **ANGELA CINSKI WEITZEL** ('03).

**BRADLEY ROBERT BRANHAM** ('04) and Erin Leigh Freeman. 5/21/09. They live in Davidson, N.C.

**KHARISMA PERWIRO** (LLM '06) and Karina Esanya. 12/14/08 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**BENJAMIN ROBERT HUBER** ('07) and **SUSAN CATLIN MILLER** ('07). 9/19/09 in Charlotte, N.C. The wedding party included **JOHN WILLIAM MITCHELL** ('07).

**HANNE NYHEIM** (LLM '07) and **THOMAS McNUTT** ('08). 8/22/09 in Oslo, Norway.

## BIRTHS

**STEPHEN G. TEAGUE** ('83) and Tuyen L. Teague, Greensboro, N.C.: a daughter, Reagan Elizabeth. 7/24/09. She joins her brother, Jacob (2 1/2).

**ED WILSON JR.** ('93) and Laurie Turnage Wilson, Eden, N.C.: a daughter, Eleanor Louise. 8/7/09. She joins her brothers, Buddy (5) and Harry (3), and sister, Maria (2).

**CARLOS E. JANÉ** ('97) and Ashley Kinney, Winston-Salem, N.C.: a son, Pace Atticus. 7/30/09. He joins his sister, Piper Sloan (2).

**TRICIA WHITE SISTRUNK** ('97) and **GEORGE W. SISTRUNK III** ('98), Charlotte, N.C.: a daughter, Eliza Katherine. 6/19/09. She joins her brothers, Garrett (5) and Luke (3).

**NATHAN MYERS HULL** ('99) and Lauren Bennett-Ale Hull, Charlotte, N.C.: a son, Conard Waddington. 7/30/08

**STEPHEN A. OBERG** ('00) and Julie Oberg, Dunkirk, Md.: a son, Logan John. 2/4/09. He joins his sister, Chloe Elizabeth (3).

**PAMELA J. SIMMONS** ('00) and Jeremy Simmons, Jacksonville, Fla.: a son, Andrew David. 8/11/09. He joins his sisters, Kate (6), Lauren (4), and Heidi (2).

**JEFF BRAINTWAIN** ('01) and **TRACY COBB BRAINTWAIN** ('01), Atlanta: a son, Eli Joseph. 5/23/09. He joins his sister, Frazier.

**JASON MICHAEL COGDILL** ('01) and Lori Shores Cogdill, Clemmons, N.C.: a son, Hampton Michael. 2/23/09. He joins his brother, Thomas (4).

**EVA NEWEKLOWSKY** (LLM '02) and Harald Schuneritsch, Vienna, Austria: a son, Loris. 12/30/08

**ISABEL DUNGAS SIMMERMAN** (LLM

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'02) and Eric Simmerman, Arlington, Va.: a daughter, Maria Victoria. 4/9/09

**ANNE FRITZLER ABEL** (LLM '03) and Joerg Abel, Hamburg, Germany: a daughter, Sarah Sophie. 4/30/09

**KIMBERLY KUKULSKI DOYLE** ('03) and Patrick Doyle, Boise, Idaho: a son, Brendan Patrick. 2/27/09

**SCOTT R. ELDRIDGE** ('03) and Kara Eldridge, East Lansing, Mich.: a daughter, Claire Lucile. 8/19/09

**SHELLEY SLAUGHTER HOLDEN** ('03) and David Lawrence Holden, Winston-Salem, N.C.: a daughter, Libby Alys. 12/19/08. She joins her sister, Joanna Caroline (2).

**CATHERINE CANIGLIA MANOFSKY** ('03) and Matthew Manofsky, Crofton, Md.: a daughter, Sophia Ann. 6/6/09

**COURTNEY COATES BRITT** ('04) and **CHARLES BRITT** ('05), Raleigh, N.C.: a son, Charlie. 5/7/09

**TED SHIPLEY** ('04) and **KIMBERLY SCHELL SHIPLEY** ('04), Winston-Salem, N.C.: a son, Edward Taylor IV. 9/5/09

**HIROSHI KISHIMOTO** (LLM '05) and Yuko Kishimoto, Chiba, Japan: a son, Masashi. 12/18/08

**CHRISTOPHER T. GRECO** ('07) and Callie Greco, New York: a son, John Christopher. 9/18/09

**YOUSSEF ALBLIHID** (LLM '09) and Ghadah Fahad Alzaidi, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: a son, Hamad.

## DEATHS

**BEN N. COLE** ('48), Feb. 4, 2009, Henrietta, N.C. He served in the U.S. Naval Reserves during World War II. He received 13 Bronze Stars, the Silver Star, the Purple Heart and the Meritorious Service Medal. He completed his degrees at Wake Forest after the war and then returned to active duty. He practiced law in the U.S. Navy until his retirement as captain in 1972. After retirement he remained active in his church and other interests.

**MARVIN RHEM WOOTEN** ('50), Jan. 29, 2009, Lincolnton, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a U.S. bankruptcy judge for the Western District of North Carolina, chairman of the N.C. Board of Paroles and chairman of the N.C. Utilities Commission. He is survived by his wife, Frances Arndt Wooten; a son, Marvin; a daughter, Robin; and four grandchildren.

**WILLIAM AUSTIN MCFARLAND SR.** ('51), Oct. 29, 2009, Columbus, N.C. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a member of the Polk County Bar Association for 58 years. He was county attorney for Polk County and town attorney for Columbus and Saluda. He served on local and state boards, including Presbyterian Homes of North Carolina and received a lifetime achievement award in 2007.

**ROBERT WAYNE FISHER** ('58), Aug. 7, 2009, Asheville, N.C. He was a district attorney in Buncombe County for 22 years and was a retired executive secretary of the N.C. Industrial Commission. He was a charter member of the Buncombe County Rescue Squad and the Carolina Mountain Woodturners. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn; a son; three daughters; and four grandchildren.

**WILLIS EDMUND LOWE** ('59), Oct. 18, 2009, High Point, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army. He was a district court judge for Guilford County for two terms and then an emergency judge for the State of North Carolina until his retirement in 1992.

**HUGH GLENN PETTYJOHN** ('61), Sept. 15, 2009, Winston-Salem, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Jenkins and practiced law for 30 years. He was retired from Pettyjohn Molitoris & Connoll in Winston-Salem. He served on the Law Alumni Council and was a fan and supporter of Wake Forest football and basketball.

**RICHARD TYNDALL** ('65), Sept. 18, 2009, Mooresville, N.C. He was raised at Sipe's Orchard Home in Conover, N.C., and became president there in 1983. He was a U.S. Army Special Agent in the Counter Intelligence Corps from 1959 to 1962 and for 31 years he was a law partner with Hutchins Tyndall Doughton & Moore in Winston-Salem. He taught insurance law as an adjunct professor during the 1980s and 1990s at the Wake Forest School of Law.

**STEPHEN L. LOVEKIN** ('67), Nov. 10, 2009, Hickory, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army in the White House Army Signal Agency. He practiced personal injury and workers compensation law in Catawba County as a partner with several firms including Lovekin & Young PC. He was a volunteer with the N.C. State Guard and the U.S. Service Command, retiring as a brigadier general.

**JOHN BRECKENRIDGE REGAN III** ('68), June 29, 2009, Holden Beach, N.C. He served in the U.S. Navy and practiced law in Lumberton, N.C. He retired to Holden Beach in 2004. He served on the N.C. Bar Disciplinary Hearing Commission and was a counselor for the Bar.

**WYATT T. SAUNDERS JR.** ('68), Sept. 29, 2009, Laurens, S.C. He began his career as an attorney in 1968 and retired in 2009. He practiced law, was city attorney for the City of Laurens and counsel for the Commission of Public Works. In 1994 he became a family court judge and in 1998 he was elected judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit Court of South Carolina.

**FRANK GREY LAPRADE JR.** ('71), Nov. 14, 2009, Mount Airy, N.C. He served in the U.S. Army. Before graduation he was a plant supervisor with Southern Bell Telephone Co. He was a clerk for the chief judge of the N.C. Court of Appeals and later formed the firm of Woltz Lewis & LaPrade in Mount Airy. He was preceded in death by a son, Thomas. He is survived by his wife, Jane; a son, Frank III ('92); and two grandchildren.

**JOHN R. MULL** ('77), July 19, 2009, Morganton, N.C. He had a private practice concentrating on criminal and domestic cases in Morganton for 20 years. From 1997 until 2002 he was an assistant district attorney for Burke and Catawba counties and in 2002 was elected court judge of the 25th District. His many civic endeavors included serving on the Burke County Board of Public Education, mayor pro tem and alderman for Glen Alpine, the Flynn Home of Morganton, Hospice of Burke County, Repay, and the local Red Cross emergency response team. He drowned in the Catawba River after rescuing his 17-year-old son. He is survived by his wife, Becky; two sons, Matthew and John Jr.; a daughter, Rebecca; three grandchildren; and a brother, Richard.

**JANICE LEE SCOTT** ('77), Aug. 15, 2009, Browns Summit, N.C. She began her legal career with the Greensboro, N.C., Housing and Urban Development and retired as chief counsel. She is survived by her husband, Mike Garton; a son, David; two sisters, Shirley and Betty; and three brothers, John, Jerry and Donald.

**STEVEN J. RURKA** ('84), Nov. 5, 2009, Washington, DC. Prior to launching the Springmill Bread Co. in Bethesda, Md, he was a tax attorney, attorney for the Federal Trade Commission and clerk to a federal judge. In the midst of his illness, he founded APCAN, a nonprofit research and resource foundation hoping to eradicate appendiceal cancer. He is survived by his wife, Katherine Baldridge Rurka, and four children.

**SHARON SHERAE BROWN** ('93), Aug. 30, 2009, Decatur, Ga. She had a bankruptcy law firm, S.S. Brown & Associates PC.

**JOHN HUNTER ANDERSON** ('94), July 24, 2009, Winston-Salem, N.C. He was a combat medic during the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart. He was a health patient advocate.

**TIMOTHY ELLIOTT FLANIGAN** ('07), May 13, 2009, Arlington, Va. He was an attorney with Winston & Strawn LLP. He is survived by his parents and 13 brothers and sisters.

## **FRIENDS**

Robinson O. Everett, June 12, 2009, Durham, N.C. He was a former member of the Law Board of Visitors. He was a professor of law at Duke University, having served on the faculty for 53 years. He served on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for 12 years, with the last 10 as chief judge. He participated in numerous civic, fraternal and professional organizations. He is survived by his wife, Lynn; three sons, Robinson Jr., James McGregor "Greg" and Luke; and three grandchildren.

# CLASS NOTES

## PRO BONO SPOTLIGHT PENNY SPRY ('82)

Penny Spry ('82), co-founder and director of the Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina, helps to give a voice to children in domestic violence cases and high-conflict custody cases through the center. In addition to that job of helping children, Spry volunteers for the Department of Social Services' Guardian ad Litem program.

One of Penny Spry's children – not her own, but one of the many she has served across the Winston-Salem community – had a particularly difficult situation.

His mother suffered from mental disabilities, with an IQ of 52. The court placed the child, at three days old, with a man who thought he was the child's father, along with the putative father's mother. The supposed father beat the child repeatedly and went to federal prison. The court left the child living with his grandmother, where he was happy and taken care of. Then, while

the supposed father was in jail, he found out he wasn't the child's father. So the grandmother simply dropped the child off at the Department of Social Services and drove away.

Finally, earlier this fall, after working passionately on this case, Spry helped place the homeless child in the guardianship of a man who managed the group home where the child had been placed. The child is in high school now, is on the honor roll, and is on his way to college.

It can get messy, helping kids. But for Spry, when the children become productive citizens, it's all worth it.

"This child did nothing to deserve his plight in life," Spry said of this particular child. "However, I can't take credit that he is finally in a happy home environment. The child's mentor and now guardian (the manager of the group home) should have all the credit for stepping up to the plate."

Spry may shy away from praise, but there's no questioning her influence

on Winston-Salem and the surrounding areas since she founded the Children's Law Center in 2005, along with Amy Kuhlman. With more than 100 cases, the Children's Law Center is the sole legal entity in the state which represents children in domestic violence cases. CLC also gives a voice to children in high-conflict custody cases.

The organization is closely tied with law students, who serve as interns as part of a recently added course the law school calls Children in Domestic Violence. The interns do their classroom component at Wake Forest law school and then go to the Children's Law Center for their externship. They are trained as Guardians ad Litem, then closely supervised at CLC to represent the "best interests" of children in domestic violence cases.

"The energy that the students bring to our office is totally invigorating," Spry said. "They help CLC take on more cases for children. The students get hands-on experience at the courthouse and get to know the judges. This practical experience ultimately makes them more marketable. So it's a win-win proposition for all of us."

A mother of three, Spry's current position suits her perfectly. After serving three years as a press secretary on Capitol Hill, she came to Wake Forest to pursue her law degree. She started her law career as a corporate attorney in Winston-Salem.

But then she and her husband began to have children. She stayed home to raise them for more than 20 years. "Being a mother is my favorite thing," she said.



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- Penny Spry ('82)

When her boys started going to college, she was approached by Kuhlman to help with a program called the Child Advocacy Project (CAP). Kuhlman had started CAP at the Legal Aid Society. But Spry and Kuhlman soon realized that the Legal Aid Society couldn't represent children of parents who had been previously served by the Legal Aid Society, because it was a legal conflict of interest. So they recruited *pro bono* attorneys from the law firm Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP. Although Kilpatrick Stockton attorneys were enthusiastic about helping, the caseload became unwieldy. So, Spry and Kuhlman moved all of the children's cases to a nonprofit that they founded, where there would be no conflict of interest from representing the parent.

In the early days of the Children's Law Center, Spry and Kuhlman paid all the bills. Soon, though, through word of mouth, the donations came. First, there were in-kind donations such as sticky notes and office supplies. Then monetary donations started coming. Then grants. Now, the organization is fully functioning, handling about 130 cases a year – a figure that grows every year.

Suzanne Reynolds ('77), who started her career as a Wake Forest law professor in 1981 while Spry was a student, helped create the Children in Domestic Violence course and also has served as a CLC board member.

"Totally because she saw a need, she just stepped in to fill that niche," Reynolds said of Spry. "It's the best of

what you hope happens to people with a legal education, that they use their law degree to fill a legal void for people who need someone to speak for them."

The nonprofit has about 20 volunteer attorneys who donate hundreds of hours per year, and a continuous stream of interns from Wake Forest. Recent Albert Schweitzer Fellowship recipient Rich McPherson ('10) is doing his fellowship work at the CLC. McPherson said Spry, who regularly speaks to Wake Forest law students who are interested in public service, is a great ambassador for the nonprofit.

"You can just tell that she's one of those people who's doing exactly what she wants to do," McPherson said. "And if you're doing what you want to do, you're more excited about your work. She's also really good about being honest about the tough situations that these children face. There are a lot of kids who have pretty difficult situations, who have bad family lives, who have no voice in a custody dispute."

Spry continues to help children like the young boy who went from mom to supposed dad to grandmother to foster home and soon, to college, get ahead.

"It sounds so cliché that children are the future," Spry said. "But stop and think about this, if we don't get our arms around violence and stop it, they just perpetuate it to the next generation. Exponentially, these children have a couple of children of their own, the numbers of violent households will simply grow out of control. It's our only chance at helping to thwart household violence. It's just one child at a time." ♦

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